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So far it seems to have been the "peace women" who have attracted most of the attention in the growing debate over nuclear weapons and disarmament, but Lady Olga Maitland (below), Tory activist, gossip collumnist and mother, is trying to change all that. She has formed a group called Women for Defence to promote the view that nuclear missiles are an essential bulwark of freedom. The Wednesday Page talks to both Lady Olga and the chairman of CND, Joan Ruddock, about a woman's place in the arms debate.



Spectrum visits Ilkley Moor to meet a band of dedicated amateur archaeologists whose discoveries could change our view of what life was like in the Bronze Age. In a Special Report, Robert Fisk looks at the future of Cyprus, the divided island where road signs point to places the traveller cannot reach and the telephone directory seems to have been produced in a world of make-believe.

Guerrillas murder three whites in Matabeleland

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

A Senator of Zimbabwe's white opposition Republican Front party, his daughter and a young woman visitor from Britain were murdered by marauding guerrillas at the weekend during a barbecue at the Senator's farm in Matabeleland, a government spokesman said yesterday.

Senator Paul Savage, aged 70, his daughter Colleen, aged 20, and an unidentified woman thought to be a friend of Miss Savage's from a British university, were shot down in cold blood by a band of about 20 dissidents, the spokesman said.

Mrs Betty Savage, the Senator's wife, was badly wounded in the attack on his farm near Gwanda, about 75 miles south of Bulawayo.

The dissidents, renegades of Mr Joshua Nkomo's former Zipra army, came to the farm on Sunday night and first chased away farm labourers before surrounding the homestead as the Savages and their guest were preparing a barbecue outside.

The dissidents approached the group, ordered them to raise their hands and then opened fire with automatic rifles. After the killings the house was ransacked.

It is understood that one of the dissidents was accidentally killed in the shooting, apparently by his comrades. He was buried by his fellows in a shallow grave near by.

The British High Commission here said that the Foreign Office had been passed a name thought to be that of Miss Savage's friend, but that no indentification had been made and her passport had not been found.

"She was not registered with us as a visitor," a spokesman said.

A source in the RF, the party represented by Senator Savage, said his daughter had been studying veterinary science in Britain and had recently returned to Zimbabwe for a holiday with a university friend.

Senator Savage, a prominent cattle farmer in the Gwanda area, was nominated to the Senate by the party at independence. Mr Ian Smith, the RF leader, said in a telephone interview from his ranch near Shurugwe, in the Midlands, that the killings were "absolutely horrific". He said Senator Savage was one of his greatest friends and he felt "deeply depressed" by his death.

The killings indicate a spread in the area affected by dissidents who have made white farmers in the province a principal target. At least 15 members of the farming community have been murdered in the latest wave of dissident violence which started in December.

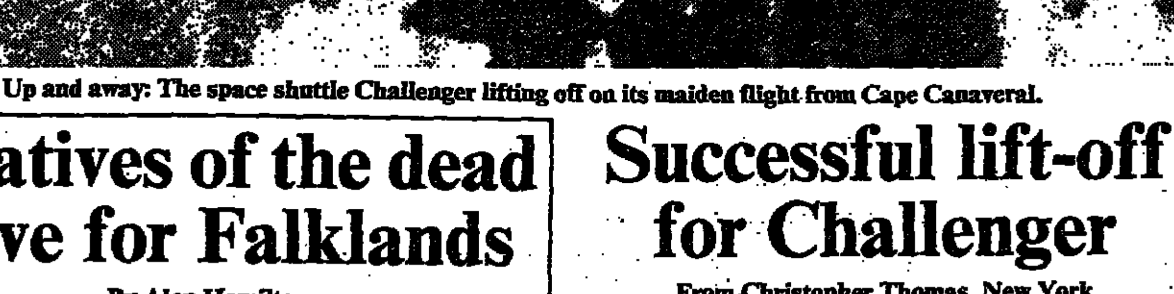
In the last such attack, less than three weeks ago, Mr Eric Stratford, his wife and their two grandchildren were executed at pistol point on the Stratford ranch near Nyamandhlovu.

Like almost all other attacks on white farmers, that was in the ravaged region to the North of Bulawayo where Government security forces recently conducted a bloody purge of Nkomo supporters suspected of aiding the dissidents.

A spokesman for the Commercial Farmers' Union yesterday expressed alarm at the spread of violence to the Gwanda area.

● Speaking from his London hotel, Mr Joshua Nkomo the Zapu leader expressed horror at the killings. He said it was premature to assert who the killers were. "It could be dissidents, or it could be someone else," he said, implying that the Government could be using agents provocateurs to justify the harsh tactics being used by the army in Matabeleland.

"Whoever is responsible has nothing to do with me or with Zapu," said Mr Nkomo.



Up and away: The space shuttle Challenger lifting off on its maiden flight from Cape Canaveral.

'£1m raid' on security company

About £1m is believed to have been stolen yesterday when hooded, armed men burst into the headquarters of Security Express behind Liverpool Street station, London and tied up the staff. The raid was not discovered until last night when the staff escaped after six hours' captivity.

Ulster fury

The Labour leadership denounced two speeches at the Young Socialists' conference calling for the death of British troops in Ulster. The speakers had supported a resolution on solidarity with republicans, which was defeated Page 2

Killing in error

The IRA said it shot and killed a man watching television at home in mistake for someone else and offered "deepest sympathy" to relatives

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Hammer attack

Mr Amir Khan, a Labour candidate for the Birmingham Sparkhill ward in next month's local elections has been attacked by two men with a hammer and knife

Black leader dies

A black community leader was shot dead in a Transvaal village by a white policeman who had earlier accused him of holding an illegal meeting Page 4

Match riot

A match between Blackburn Rovers and Burnley turned into a riot in which 20 people were injured and 33 arrests were made Back page

Punjab deaths

Twenty-two people were killed and nearly 100 wounded when Indian riot police opened fire at 12 places across Punjab state to scatter militant Sikh demonstrators.

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Funds crisis

The World Bank is seeking Britain's aid to help save the cash-starved International Development Association. The bank wants the UK to put pressure on America to pay its agreed contribution's to the Third World aid fund Page 15

HMS Keren dispute

Seamen's leaders to talk peace

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Seamen's union leaders agreed last night to peace talks with the Blue Star shipping line that could end the Royal Navy takeover of HMS Keren, the Falklands troopship commandeered by naval ratings in a clandestine operation four days ago.

Mr Sam McLuskie, assistant general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, is to lead fresh negotiations on wage rates for about sixty seamen due to take the ship to the South Atlantic under a management contract with Blue Star.

The union's leaders meet at their headquarters in Clapham, south London, this morning to draw up plans for a worldwide strike in protest at the "seizure" of HMS Keren – formerly the cross-Channel ferry St Edmund – but it now seems possible that industrial action will be averted by a compromise over pay.

Mr James Slater, the union's general secretary, said: "I am sure we can come to a satisfactory settlement if they are prepared to negotiate".

The seamen's wrath is still largely directed at the Ministry of Defence over the naval operation at the dead of night last Thursday to repossess HMS Keren at Wallsend after members of the civilian crew had been told to go on shore leave for Easter.

It is now clear that the NUS will not obstruct the sailing of the Cunard Countess, due to take 550 relatives of the Falklands casualties from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Port Stanley today. The NUS says its battle is with the Ministry of Defence, not with the widows of the war dead, some of whom were merchant seamen.

Today's talks with Blue Star, the company chartered by the Government to run HMS Keren as a troopship linking the Falklands with Ascension Island, will return to the union's claim for Channel ferry wages and conditions to be paid in the South Atlantic.

If conceded, the NUS demand would increase rates from £160 per week in the conflict zone to £200 per week.

Basic rates for Royal Navy ratings are £112 a week with extra allowances and Service chiefs fear a serious knock-on effect among the civilian crews of 27 ships on charter in the South Atlantic and the crews of naval vessels.

The cue for fresh negotiations on pay for merchant seamen to crew HMS Keren came early yesterday when Mr Jerry Wiggin, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said in a radio interview: "I simply want to get this ship properly crewed, with civilian managers running it in the normal way. I hope the NUS will sit down and agree to appropriate rates and crewing levels."

This hint was taken up by Blue Star management, according to union sources, and contacts with the NUS preparatory to reopening negotiations were established.

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Gloria Swanson dies in her sleep at 84

New York (AP) – Gloria Swanson, star of the silent films who became the epitome of Hollywood's golden years, died yesterday in a New York hospital after a brief illness, she was 84. A spokesman for the hospital said she had died in her sleep.

Miss Swanson, who began her career at the age of 15, was active professionally into the seventies.

Her 1980 autobiography created a sensation when she discussed an extramarital love affair she said she had with Joseph Kennedy, the patriarch of the Kennedy family. "If I didn't write about it, someone else certainly would", she later explained.

She began her career as a bathing beauty extra in comedies and soon soared to stardom. She left the screen in 1936 but came back in 1949 to star in *Sunset Boulevard*, the story of a demented, aging film star.

Among her six husbands was a French marquis. Hollywood writers called her "Glorious Gloria" and "Glamorons Gloria". She was born Gloria May Josephine Swanson in Chicago.

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Shergar call thought to be another hoax

Two telephone calls to Radio Telefis Eireann, in the Irish Republic, yesterday claimed that Shergar, the kidnapped stallion, would be released today. The calls, made by a man speaking with an English accent, who used a previously known code word, came after a weekend of rumour in Dublin that a £1.5m ransom had been paid in France. Police in the republic were treating the call sceptically, as another, apparently by the same man, was made on April Fool's Day.

An extra guard has been put on the Aga Khan's Ballymany Stud at Newbridge, co Kildare.

Relatives of the dead leave for Falklands

By Alan Hamilton

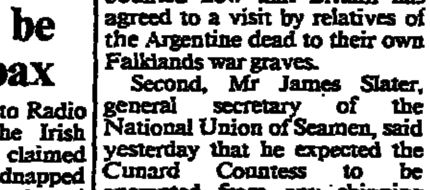
Five hundred and fifty relatives of those members of the British task force who died in the Falklands leave London today on a pilgrimage to the graves and battlefields of the South Atlantic.

British Airways is providing a Boeing 747 and a Lockheed TriStar free of charge to fly the party to Montevideo in Uruguay. At the end of the 15-hour flight they will transfer to the cruise liner Cunard Countess, chartered by the Ministry of Defence for the four-day voyage to the Falklands.

The operation appears to have overcome two potential obstacles.

First, suggestions that the Uruguayan authorities might prevent the party landing at their capital have been discounted now that Britain has agreed to a visit by relatives of the Argentine dead to their own Falklands war graves.

Second, Mr James Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, said yesterday that he expected the Cunard Countess to be exempted from any shipping strike over the seizing of HMS Keren by the Royal Navy from its fitting-out yard on the Tyne.



Yesterday, the relatives gathered in Cunard's hotel at Hammersmith, west London, to meet and be briefed on their journey.

Selfridges, the London store, has supplied free toys and sweets for the 100 children in the party.

The relatives are due to arrive in the Falklands on Saturday, and they will be accommodated on board Cunard Countess throughout their four-day visit. As soon as they arrive they will be taken on a private visit to the military cemetery overlooking San Carlos Water, from which reporters and camera crews are being excluded for the day.

On Sunday they will return to the cemetery for a public service and on Monday the Cunard Countess will sail to the place where HMS Sheffield was attacked and sunk.

About 300 relatives of Argentine war dead are expected to set out in a chartered ship about April 16 to make their own pilgrimage.

● Three Argentines have arrived in London hoping to glean some information from authorities here after fruitless inquires to their own Government about their sons' whereabouts.

The three, led by Señor Isaias Gimenez and including the uncle of Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham Hotspur player, represent the recently formed Commission of Parents of Combatants Missing in the Malvinas and the families of more than 500 missing relatives.

Señor Gimenez says that the Argentine Government has not, despite repeated requests, approached either the British authorities or the Red Cross for information. The party therefore intends to make contact here with the Ministry of Defence, church officials, and MPs.

Successful lift-off for Challenger

From Christopher Thomas, New York

After a faultless five-day countdown, America's newest space shuttle, Challenger, blasted off on its maiden flight yesterday cheered on by hundreds of thousands of onlookers at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Strong winds high in the atmosphere subsided sufficiently to allow the launch, but it was a close thing: 12 hours earlier and the mission would have had to have been aborted.

The three main engines exploded into life exactly on time at 7.30 pm BST and within 30 seconds the craft was speeding into the atmosphere at 600 miles per hour. The weather was perfect and for several minutes the craft could be seen from the ground by the naked eye.

The main task of the five-day mission is to deploy the first of three sophisticated communications satellites that for the next 20 years will keep America in touch with its orbiti satellites.

They will handle a phen menal amount of data compar with the volume of material th tracking stations around t world can currently cope wi Once the satellites are ful operational most of tho stations will close.

The satellite will be releas 175 miles above Earth a rockets will boost it to a positi 22,300 miles above the Equat over Brazil.

The second of the satellites to be launched in August readiness for the propos deployment of the orbiti Landsat satellite, the expe mental space laboratory due fly on the ninth shuttle flight the Autumn.

The other main event of t mission is a "spacewalk scheduled for Thursday, t first by American astronauts 10 year.

Camden Lock soap opera gets new leading man

By David Hewson

Commercial television's real-life soap opera, the breakfast station TV-am, changed the role of two of its star presenters and brought in a new boss yesterday in the hope of reviving its flagging audience ratings.

The long-awaited announcement at the company's Camden Lock headquarters had all the hallmarks of a good episode of *Dallas*. Clean-cut unknown sports reporter Nick Owen, 35, found himself thrust into the job of breakfast show presenter, and explained his promotion by proclaiming: "It's because I'm, so very ordinary really."

New media supremo Greg Dyke, 35, who started adult life as a trainee manager with Marks & Spencer, opened his term of office as editor-in-chief with the declaration that the station's output had been wrong from day one back in February, by appealing to a certain section of a certin community in London.

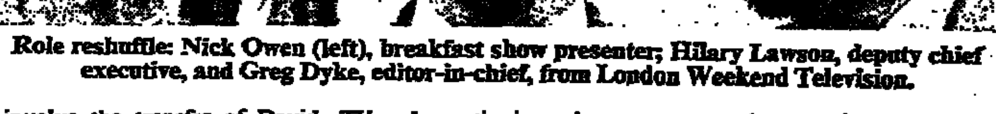
The new TV-am, which will not be unveiled until May, will be a more popular combination of "fun, entertainment and news", along the lines of London Weekend's bright and breezy *Six O'Clock Show*, which Mr Dyke has edited for the past two years.











Role reshuffle: Nick Owen (left), breakfast show presenter; Hilary Lawson, deputy chief executive, and Greg Dyke, editor-in-chief, from London Weekend Television.

Part of this recipe will involve the transfer of David Frost and Robert Kee from the roles of presenters to reporters involved in special features.

The future of the remaining members of the station's Famous Five team of presenters, Anna Ford, Angela Rippon and Michael Parkinson, and possible pay cuts, will now be a subject for discussion between them and Mr Dyke.

Mr Jonathan Aitken, the Conservative MP for Thanet, East, whose family company owns the largest single stake in the station, and who ousted Mr Peter Jay as chief executive three weeks ago, maintained yesterday that media interest in TV-am's continuing crises was out of proportion.

"This company has suffered from a disease called over-exposure and over-hype by competing media organizations", Mr Aitken told a packed press conference called by the station.

But in a message to staff Mr Aitken outlined some of the financial problems facing the company. These meant, he said, that freelance shifts and overtime payments would have to be curtailed, though redundancies would only be considered as a last resort.

Mr Aitken said that reports that TV-am was losing £125,000 a week were inaccurate, but refused to supply the true figure. Mr Derek Stevenson the company's sale director, said that advertising revenues were now running at about £800,000 a month, with no signs of rising in the immediate future. TV-am had forecast annual advertising revenue of £20m.

The reorganization of the station will be gradual, starting next month. For most of April, the weekday presenters will be Angela Rippon and Mr Owen, who joined TV-am as sports presenter.

The permanent deployment of the Famous Five presenters and other reporters will not be announced until just before the new look line-up goes on air.

Mr Aitken told staff that the station had to go back to its own roots and recapture the spirit and sparkle of its original franchise application. "This will mean changes in the style, feel and presentation of the programme, together with an upgrading of our news and information service from all parts of Britain.

"Since our research emphasizes that we attract an encouragingly high percentage of younger viewers, we must ensure that the programme has a contemporary identity, with a light humorous touch as well as an ability to illuminate the serious news issues of the day."

Mr Aitken was emphatic about his own future which lies, he said, in Westminster and not as a permanent chief executive of the station. The company is expected to put forward the name of a permanent chief executive when it meets the Independent Broadcasting Authority on Wednesday.

Mr Hilary Lawson, aged 29, moves from being programme editor to become deputy chief executive, and Mr Clive Jones, managing editor, has been appointed editor of TV-am's weekday programmes. A weekend editor will be appointed soon. Aitken portrait, page 10

Politicians well on way to controlling school curriculum, union is told

From Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, St Helier

Politicians are well on the way to controlling what is taught in schools as a result of the Government's actions, Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said yesterday.

In a 75-minute address to the union's conference in St Helier, Jersey, he said that that was a dangerous development; it contradicted the British tradition, which was to leave the curriculum to the teachers.

"I wonder how much [Dr] Rhodes Boyson, who has been going to almost hysterical lengths in misrepresenting what local authorities and schools have been doing to encourage the introduction of peace studies into the curriculum, appreciates that he and his chiefs are themselves paving the way for a time when a government of a different complexion from their own will be presented with the means whereby innovations of the kind they so vigorously condemn will be introduced by a government throughout the country."

Mr Jarvis said that politicians with extreme views of a different political hue might follow present ministers.

"When that happens Sir Keith Joseph and [Dr] Rhodes Boyson and their party will come to regret the day they were no longer prepared to entrust responsibility for curriculum matters to the teaching profession and the local education authority."

Mr Jarvis's examples of the ways in which ministers were moving towards central control of the curriculum were the "wrecking of the Schools Council, the education secretary's plan to regulate the teacher training curriculum, and his proposal for a specific grant for education".

"If the Secretary of State for Education was backed by a Secretary of State for the Environment, with his powers and sanctions against local authorities the like of which had not been seen before", and if he introduces devices like a specific grant mechanism whereby he takes back from local education authorities money already allocated to them in order to give more to those who will do things he wants done, you begin to see just how far we are on the road to the day when Whitehall will control the schools curriculum."

Mr Jarvis also was unhappy about Sir Keith's rejection of proposals for a physics examination to replace the present O-level and CSE ones. The examination boards want physics to be put in its social and economic context, but Sir Keith has vetoed that.

Mr Jarvis said he agreed with a leading article in *The Times Educational Supplement* which said that it must be wrong for a secretary of state or any other politician to decide this issue.

Unilateralist teachers defeated

Supporters of unilateral nuclear disarmament were heavily defeated at the National Union of Teachers' conference in Jersey yesterday when crucial parts of their motion were ruled out of order.

The resolution on nuclear disarmament to be debated today is now a watered down version and in no sense unilateralist.

After yesterday's vote the union will not even be discussing the question of cancelling the cruise and Trident missile agreements, the removal of all nuclear bases and weapons from British soil, the founding of a nuclear-free zone in Europe, and support for the World Disarmament Campaign.

Instead it will discuss a motion condemning increased spending on arms and "recognizing" that such resources should be spent on resolving social and economic issues.

That means that the conference has reversed the position it reached last year when the president's ruling that a unilateralist motion was out of order was overturned. The union then passed a resolution that strongly supported unilateral nuclear disarmament.

It was not implemented, however, because counsel's opinion found that the motion broke the union's rules against taking it into the political arena.

Yesterday, the conference decided by 125,908 votes to 101,062 to support the president's ruling that the endorsement of the TUC's peace and disarmament policy was out of order.

Most heat was generated during yesterday's debates, however, over an article in the *Daily Express* about homosexual teachers. Mr Gordon Green, of the union's executive, said a new low had been reached in journalism.

The question arose because of Jersey's law outlawing all male homosexual acts. Homosexual teachers were angry that the conference was being held in the island.

● *The Cooperative Party* at its annual conference at Llandudno yesterday voted for unilateral nuclear disarmament (our Llandudno Correspondent writes).

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Tory education report

Standards 'prizes' proposed

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The introduction of the Conservative competitive ethic into the education system, with schools competing among themselves for awards for improvements in standards, is proposed by the party's education policy group in its report on proposals for the Tory election manifesto.

The confidential late draft of the report, which has now been completed, puts forward the idea of a Queen's award to schools. It states: "Something akin to the Queen's award for industry could be offered to those schools which, in the opinion of an independent panel of judges, have done most to improve their standards over the past 12 months." It proposes that awards be given nationally by the secretary of state, or on a county basis.

In a section on examinations it says that the retention of O levels is essential. It then makes what is certain to be a *controversial proposal for the* use of graded tests at a national level to assess the performance of pupils throughout their schools careers.

The tests would be included in a personal school record, available to all school leavers and their potential employers. The document would include *the pupil's attendance* record "and a profile written by the pupil to indicate his or her attitudes and motivation when seeking employment".

On the curriculum the report emphasized the link between education and the creation of wealth. "It was generally agreed that the education system had to some extent neglected the importance of the creationof wealth as the foundation of all social progress."

Courses on the industrial and commercial substructure could "usefully replace" those on educational sociology, on which much time is spent in teacher training establishments, it says.

The group says that more attention should be given to religious education, subject to the right of withdrawal for children whose parents express conscientious objections to their participation.

It mentions a feeling that neglect of religious education often went along with lack of attention to moral education and the inculcation of proper standards of speech, personal appearanceand behaviur, as well as duties owed by the individual to the community. In that respect, it says, the attitude of a minority of teachers left much to be desired.

The policy group, in a section proposing more demanding training courses for teachers, recommends the creation of a general teaching council, with the right to prescribe enforceable standards of training and conduct. It says that union objections to such a council should not be allowed to prevail, particularly as it would not include negotiations on conditions *of employment* and reuneration.

Such a body would be ultimately composed of teachers directly elected on a regional *basis, not by the trade unions.* As an interim measure the secretary of state should mominate some of the members while the machinery and policy were taking shape.

There is concern in the report about evidence of serious disciplinary problems in schools. It says that attempts are being made on ideological grounds to weaken the idea that the teacher is *in loco parentis,* on which all discipline rests.

Although the approach to discipline is a matter for individual schools, local authorities should be prepared to intervene. Gross bullying *should be tackled* instantly and with the full backing of the authorities and the law.

Special treatment for the children of ethnic minorities which would set them apart from their fellow citizens is rejected in the report. Teaching should always be in English, but where special linguistic help is essential that should be given only on the ground of individual need. Where parents so desire opportunities should be given for children to retain contact with the cultures of their own communities.

Setting out the principles which underlay its studies, the group says that the main feature of the Conservative approach to education is a proper respect for *the* diversity of needs among children, whatever their ability and degree of maturity, and giving weight to the requirements of all groups, from the top 2 per cent who are very gifted to the much larger group who leave full-time ednication with no formal qualifications

It says, however, that the *right of parents to avail* themselves of independent education is an inalienable one, and in accordance with the international conventions on *human rights to which Britain* is a party.

Easter fanfare: The Broughton Marching Brass and Colour Guard from Broughton Astley, Leicestershire, *showing their* paces at the London International Band and Display Competition in the White City Stadium, London, yesterday. More than 1,000 young musicians competed in *various band displays. (Photograph:* Bill Warhurst).

'Motiveless' killing in Ulster

From Richard Ford
Belfast

Detectives in Northern Ireland were baffled yesterday by the motive for the murder of a middle-aged man who was shot by two gunmen as he watched television at home.

Mr James McCormick, aged 45, was hit in the chest and stomach by at least 12 bullets, fired from two handguns, when the men burst into his house on the "loyalist" Kilcooley housing estate in Bangor, Co Down, late on Sunday night. His wife, Margaret, also in her forties, was in a satisfactory condition in hospital after being shot in the leg when she opened the door to the men.

The dead man, who has a daughter, aged 19, and a married son, aged 21, had no connexions with security forces and was not known to have links with loyalist paramilitary groups. It is thought that the shooting was purely sectarian, that or a case of mistaken identity.

Inquiry offer brings hope to Ford

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Shop stewards at Ford's strikebound plant at Halewood, Merseyside, will be given an opportunity this morning to call off the four-week stoppage that has cost an estimated £80m in lost production.

Mr Ronald Todd, executive officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, is to report on a draft peace formula reached after talks lasting 10 hours with the company under the auspices of the independent Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

Last night, Mr Todd calculated that it was "a fifty-fifty bet" that the Halewood shop-floor officials would accept the company's offer of an independent three-man committee of inquiry to look into the case of Mr Paul Kelly, an assembly line worker dismissed for alleged vandalism of a car part worth 86p.

Ford's management is still refusing to reinstate Mr Kelly before the inquiry's findings are known, although he has been promised a cash sum equivalent *to basic pay lost since he* was dismissed. The 5,000 Halewood strikers have up to now insisted that they will not go back until he is reinstated.

But a decision will still have to go to a mass meeting of the men, which could not be held before tomorrow.

In the other big dispute, 5,000 workers on the Austin Maestro production line at BL's Cowley works will decide tomorrow whether to accept a company formula for ending their week-old walkout.

BL managers yesterday sent a *letter* to all the strikers, outlining proposals to phase out the twice-daily, three-minute washing time allowed to assembly line workers in return *for the prospect* of higher bonus earnings as output of the best-selling Masetro model increases.

The prospects for peace were not noticeably improved by BL's tough line, reaffirmed yesterday by a company spokesman who said: "We are not offering money or increased bonuses as a consequence of the elimination of the few minutes' cleaning-up time. Our position is quite firm and quite clear – if Cowley is to improve its efficiency then these minutes have to be removed."

Austin-Rover says that the dispute has cost more than £25m in lost production so far.

Plea for small businesses

Small businesses should be allocated spaces in shopping precincts by law, Mr Don Cossins, president of the National Hairdressers' Federation, told members at the annual meeting in Weston-super-Mare yesterday.

"Today's high street is now increasingly occupied by banks, building societies, supermarkets and big department stores", he said.

Show protest

Thirteen women peace protesters from Greenham Common staged a sit-down by the Navy's stand at the Ideal Home exhibition in London yesterday. The women, who sang protest songs, were not moved on and ended the demonstration peacefully.

Death at tip

A man aged 40 was killed yesterday when a six-foot hole he had dug during a hunt for old bottles on waste ground, a *former tip,* at Bradford, West Yorkshire, collapsed on him.

CORRECTION

A headline on March 30 suggested that Mr Anthony Steen *MP,* had "abandoned" Liverpool. That is not so. Although Mr Steen is on the short list for the Devon seat of South Hams, he is also being *considered for the new Liver*pool seat of Mossley Hill.

US bid to block steel link

A Congressman from the powerful United States House Foreign Affairs Committee has assured Scottish steel union leaders that he will work to block a proposal to *link British* Steel's Ravenscraig Plant, near Motherwell, and an American steel plant. Mr Peter Kostmayer told union leaders at the Iron and *Steel Confederation offices* in Glasgow yesterday: "Both the British Steel Corporation and the United States Steel Corporation are using blackmail and threats. But I don't think we should be intimidated. I will tell Mr MacGregor that if he proceeds with this deal, Congress will make it illegal."

Mr Kostmayer is on a Congressional mission to investigate proposals by British Steel to invest £100m in the United States Steel's Fairless plant in Pennsylvania. His committee is considering legislation against foreign steel imports including heavy taxes

Mr Kostmayer, whose constituency includes the Fairless plant, told the steel union leaders, *including* Mr Clive Lewis, the Scottish organizer for ISTC, Mr Thomas Brennan, the Ravenscraig Shop Stewards' convenor, that there was vehement opposition in the United States to the BSC proposals.

He described Mr MacGregor's plan as "subsidized imports" and said there was *hostility to such manoeuvring,* both in the American union movement and within Congress.

● A strike by 3,000 steelworkers *in the* Rotherham area over redundancies at a local British Steel Corporation works is expected to spread today to all BSC's South Yorkshire *plants (the Press Association* reports).

Reporter ordered out by Young Socialists

Young Socialists expelled a *Daily Mail* reporter from their annual conference at Bridlington, Humberside, yesterday.

About one thousand members of Labour's youth section chanted "Out, out, out" as Mr Bryan Carter, an industrial reporter was escorted to the door by Mr Laurence Coates, a *member* of the Labour Party NEC.

Mr Carter was expelled for refusing to give assurances on how he would write his report *of the* Northern Ireland debate.

After stormy behind-the-scenes negotiations failed, Mr Kevin Ramage, chairman of the Young Socialists, told the *conference that Mr Carter* "intended to highlight one completely misrepresentative speech in support of the IRA gunmen.

"*He is prepared to give no* assurances that the overwhelming decision of the conference in favour of working class unity in Ireland and opposition to terrorism will be given prominence. In this situation we are appealing to the conference to resolve to withdraw his press facilities."

The leadership of the Young Socialists was clearly embarrassed by two speeches from delegates calling for support for IRA terrorists.

Afterwards Mr Carter said: "They cannot gag the press. I *will* give no assurances of what will appear in my stories."

The speeches in question were made by Mr Richard Emmett, from Accrington, Lancashire, and Mr Neil James.

Mr Emmett said: "Every bullet in a British soldier is another nail in the coffin of British *imperialism*".

Mr James, called for "the death of British troops".

But the resolution calling for solidarity with the battle of Irish republicans was overwhelmingly defeated and a resolution *that terrorist groups offered* no solution was passed.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon L1 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 120; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 120; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 180; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria LS8 50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 80.

Science Report

A hearing aid to drum out tinnitus

By Clive Cookson Technology Correspondent

Tinnitus, a hearing sounds within the ear, is a serious medical problem causing millions of people discomfort and even severe pain, according to a report by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in the United States.

The NAS echoes recent British studies which indicate that up to 15 per cent of adults sometimes hear noises in their head for no apparent reason.

Occasional pops and clicks, intermittent buzzes and roars, and continuous clear tones have all been reported. And for perhaps one person in a hundred tinnitus is a severe and often debilitating agony.

Tinnitus is not a single disease but a symptom common to many disorders within the auditory system and elsewhere in the body.

"Over the years a truly staggering number of proposals have been made to *explain tinnitus,*" the American report says, and unfortunately "there is little evidence to support any of them". This ignorance makes *treatment difficult.*

Although tinnitus can be occasionally traced to something vibrating within the head, for example a clicking *jaw, defective* blood vessel or contracting muscle, there is usually no detectable acoustical source.

A blow to the head, long-*term exposure to intense* external noise and heavy doses of certain drugs (including aspirin) can all induce tinnitus.

Because the underlying *causes are unknown,* a "cure" for tinnitus is normally impossible. Several drugs can alleviate the symptoms, including the local anaesthetic *lidocaine. But many sufferers* receive more effective relief by masking the noise with external sounds.

Relief can come from the background buzz generated by a radio that is not tuned to any particular station, or even from the traffic sounds heard in an office near a busy street.

A more systematic approach is to wear a "tinnitus instrument", an adjustable sound generator which fits into a hearing aid chassis.

Ten thousand sufferers in the US wear masking instruments which give most some relief. The instruments' long-term effects are unknown (they may generate enough noise to damage the wearer's hearing). But the NAS panel still believes that masking "must now be regarded as the treatment of first choice.

"For many people tinnitus is a severe, debilitating affliction, and it could easily be argued that relief from this affliction is, in many cases, worth the risk, or even the inevitability, of some hearing loss."

The report, which was commissioned by the US Government, suggests more effective new treatment will come from the recent surge of medical interest in tinnitus after years of neglect.

Source: *National Academy of Sciences News Report,* (Vol 33, No 1 1983).

Williams challenges dole total

Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the SDP, yesterday accused the Conservatives of wiping 500,000 unemployed people off the unemployment queue with a stroke of a pen. *She said that the* men, women and school-leavers, who did not have to register because of a change in procedures, were still out of work, although the *unemployment figures no longer* included them.

"Juggling with statistics is the simplest single way of dealing with unemployment," she told an *SDP Alliance rally in* Teignmouth yesterday. She gave warning that the Conservatives' manifesto would force another 550,000 people on to the *dole in the next two years.*

She walked along the promenade *before* sharing an Alliance cocktail with Mr John Alderson, the Liberal Alliance's prospective parliamentary candidate in Teignbridge. The former *Chief Constable of* Devon and Cornwall told the rally that crime figures had never been so high. And he dismissed the Conservatives' *claim that they were the only* party for law and order.



Agency lost £2m investment in company

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Welsh Development Agency invested £2m in a loss-making South Wales company in *1978 without investigating* production yields, cost or market prices, a Commons committee has disclosed.

P. Leiner and Sons Ltd, a long-established group manufacturing gelatin at Treforest, Pontypridd, went into receivership one year later, owing the agency a further £1.4m for factory rents and services.

In a special report to Parliament the Commons Select *Committee of Public Accounts* has now agreed to publish closed session evidence, taken nearly three years ago, on the agency investment.

It had reported in 1980 that the £2m investment had been tied to specific warranties given by Leiner directors and that because the agency was taking legal action against directors for alleged breach of those warranties, the evidence would be withheld from the Commons.

The evidence has been released at the request of the defendants in the legal action, *which is expected to be heard* before the end of the year.

A report from Sir Douglas Henley, who was Comptroller and Auditor General at the time, says that the initial *decision to invest* was taken in December, 1978, on the basis of an appraisal report and an overall summary by Mr Jack Loveland, the executive director of the agency's industry and investment department.



Sir Douglas Henley: "Key factors not analysed".

"This summary pointed out shortcomings in the group's managerial *capability* and the existence of fierce competition. It advised that if the agency did not invest, the company was likely to be taken over and *closed down.*

"It concluded, however, that the company's future was well within commercial risk and strongly recommended acceptance. The finance and investment committee endorsed the recommendation."

The board of the agency then approved that recommendation on *December 18, 1978, "subject* to Leiner's accepting the agency's conditions, including the appointment of a new chief executive acceptable to the agency".

Evidence given by Mr Ian Gray, managing director of the agency, who died last month, then reveals that on the next day, December 19, Mr Loveland reported that he had received an approach from the chairman of *Leiner's,* asking him if he would be interested in becoming group chief executive. One month later, Mr Loveland received a formal offer and he joined the company on *June 1,* 1979.

Sir Douglas pointed out that the agency's own appraisal report "did not analyse certain *key factors* on which the group's return to profitability and projected increasing *profits* in future years appeared to depend".

It contained no cash flow analysis, in particular regarding Leiner's *requirements should* international price competition become more intense." Leiner's had assumed that "selling prices would be significantly higher than the average for the current year, but costs would remain stable".

Sir Douglas added: "In the event, increased pressure from *competitors reversed this price* trend and the company, despite agency support, did not have the financial muscle to sustain a prolonged price war.

Mr Gray told the select committee on July 7, 1980: "We do not blame Leiner's for the price war. We do blame them for misleading us as to the true *state of their balance sheet in* the previous full trading year and for misleading us as to the true trading position at the time of our investment."

He also indicated that the flow of information to the agency had not improved after Mr Loveland had joined Leiner's in June, 1979.

After a receiver was appointed on February 12, 1980, a new consortium, including Mr Loveland and two other Leiner directors, stepped in and bought a *significant part of the plant* and stocks, including all the gelatin in process, "at what can only be described as a knock-down price", Mr Gray said.

The new consortium is still in operation on the same, Treforest industrial estate, within sight of the agency's offices. Mr Loveland is managing director.

Arrest over poisoned party punch

Detectives have arrested a youth after a party at which punch was laced with poison, killing another teenager and making five ill.

Gareth Symonds, aged 17, unemployed, died at the weekend, four days after the party at a girl's flat in Norton-on-Tees, Cleveland. At first, he thought he had a hangover, but two days later his family called a doctor to their home in Countisbury Avenue, Norton. He died later in hospital.

The others complained of sickness and dizziness, but did not need hospital treatment.

Det Chief Inspector John Turner, head of Stockton-on-Tees CID, said yesterday: "A 17-year-old youth has been arrested, and released on provisional bail. Some poisonous substance was poured into the punch drunk at the party. We are having samples analysed."

Bishop marries divorcee

The Episcopal Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, the Right Rev Frederick Darwent, yesterday married Mrs Roma Fraser, a divorcee, of Osborne Place, Aberdeen.

The bishop, a widower, strongly opposed his church's ruling last year that divorcees should now be allowed to marry in church. He and Mrs Fraser were married in his cathedral of St Andrew's, Aberdeen.

Six escape from blaze

Six people escaped from a blazing house in the grounds of Balderton psychiatric hospital, near Newark, Nottinghamshire, yesterday, by throwing a mattress on to the lawn below and jumping from a bedroom window.

Mrs Patricia Crawford, a sister at the hospital, her two teenage children and two others were unhurt, but Miss Maria Astell, aged 16, injured her back.

Clean-up offer on holidays

St Tropez Holidays, a Coventry travel company, is offering nine-day holidays by coach on the French Riviera for £69 if people are prepared to clean caravans at the end.

Holidaymakers have to undertake to clean the caravans they occupy and up to three others on a site near St Tropez. A member of the company said yesteday: "We are confident that British people will do the cleaning properly."

Bodies found in forest

Two partly decomposed bodies were found in Salcey Forest, near Stoke Goldington, Buckinghamshire, yesterday. They were examined by Det Superintendent Kenneth Diccox of Thames Valley Police and Dr Peter Andrews, a Home Office pathologist.

It is believed that the bodies had been there only a few weeks.

Boy dies after driveway crash

Daniel Clarke, aged three, of Truswell Road, Crookes, Sheffield, died in hospital yesterday from internal injuries after an accident involving his father's vehicle outside their home.

Mr Tony Clarke was reversing the vehicle down the driveway where the boy was playing.

Patient named

A man aged 38 who had a heart transplant operation at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, on Sunday was identified yesterday as Mr Lawrence John Grimley, a washing machine engineer, of Hart Street, Southport. His condition was said to be satisfactory.

Life after death

Life after death is to be studied in a postgraduate course starting at St David's University College, Lampeter, west Wales, in October. The course will examine the experiences of those resuscitated from near death.

Five climbers rescued by helicopter from Ben Nevis

By a Staff Reporter

Five climbers trapped by bad weather on a ledge two thousand feet up Ben Nevis were rescued by helicopter yesterday unharmed after their SOS message, flashed by torch, was seen by a camper.

The five were in two groups, one of three men and the other of a man and a girl, when they met up near the summit of the mountain on Sunday. They decided to come down the mountain together as the weather deteriorated, with snow falls which cut visibility almost to nil.

The climbers, all in their early 20s, reached a ledge near Surgeon's Gully, and decided to camp for the night. Their signals were seen by a camper at Glen Nevis, who alerted the police.

The Lochaber mountain rescue team was called out and reached the climbers early yesterday morning after approaching the ledge from above. They decided that getting the climbers off the ledge might be difficult and called in a helicopter from RAF Leuchars.

The helicopter brought down the climbers and their four rescuers to Fort William. None of the five had any injuries.

The police at Fort William said the party of three was made up of Mr Andrew Parker from Buxton, Derbyshire; Mr Richard Savage from Sheffield and Mr David Bates, also from Sheffield. All three are students.

The girl was named as Miss Susan Bragg, from Uxbridge, also a student. the police said they would not name her campanion.

● The police made more than 30 arrests at Southend when crowds of skinheads and punk rockers entered the town yesterday (Our Southend Correspondent writes).

Youths smashed windows of shops and amusement arcades on the seafront, and near the high street area, causing damage estimated at almost £5,000.

● Day trippers joined returning holidaymakers yesterday to crowd roads both to and from resorts. The Yorkshire coast, the Lake District, North Wales and the South Coast were all busy.

'Moonies' lose street sale fight

The Chief Constable of Grampian yesterday succeeded in getting members of the "Moonie" cult banned from raising money in Aberdeen streets.

Sheriff Alexander Johnston supported a decision by Mr Alex Morrison, the Chief Constable, to refuse the Unification Church a pedlar's licence.

The ruling is a setback for the cult, which raises most of its money by selling plants, etchings and toys in factories, offices and in the street.

Mr Morrison refused a licence application by Mr David Earle, the regional sales director of United Family Enterprises, the Moonies' commercial arm, because he feared church members would use street sales as a way of getting access to people and their homes.

He had told Aberdeen Sheriff Court on March 25 that he made his decision after studying a report on Moonie activities in Aberdeen by senior officers after complaints from the public.

People had complained that members of the church had followed them home, carried out repair work near their homes without being asked and then requested money. In one case they had reportedly allocated themselves as a home help to a woman who lived alone.

The police were also told that Moonies had tried to persuade children to stay away from school, Chief Inspector Simpson had told the hearing.

Sheriff Johnston said in a judgment issued yesterday that the Moonies' tactics were "a foot in the door", although there may have been no truth in the claim that street sales would be used to get access to people and their homes.

Dismissing the appeal, which he described as "a somewhat unusual animal", Sheriff Johnston upheld the police's claim that Mr Morrison had used his discretion and made the decision in the light of the complaints.

Hospital escape by rapist

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

A man serving 14 years' imprisonment for rape, assault and kidnapping yesterday escaped from a hospital in south London after climbing out of a window while his prison escort were waiting near by.

James Godfried, aged 44, was convicted in 1979 of attacking two girls in west London by deliberately hitting their bicycles with his car. After being convicted of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, indecent assault and theft Godfried was told by the judge at the Central Criminal Court that the had acted "like a footpad of old – like a beast".

His escape is the second by a prisoner convicted of rape charges in the past month. Michael Thynne, serving two life sentences, climbed out of his mother's bedroom while prison officers were waiting outside during a visit granted on compassionate grounds. He was later recaptured.

Godfried yesterday escaped from Brook Hospital in Woolwich, south London, by climbing out of the frist-floor window of a lavatory and jumping 15ft to the ground. A prison officer is understood to have been waiting outside the lavatory at the time.

He had been taken to the hospital last month for treatment on his spine. He was guarded by two prison officers in a public ward,

At the time of his escape Godfried was wearing a blue shirt and black corduroy trousers. When he was convicted, Godfried, who is married with two children, was living at West Grinstead, Sussex. At his trial in October, 1979, a jury was told how he rammed the bicycle of a 22-year-old student in Fulham, London, and ran off with her handbag.

Then he drove to Putney and knocked down a girl aged 18, bundled her unconscious into his car and took her to a country lane where he raped her.

Aid single mothers call

By Tony Samstag

Almost 80 per cent of Britain's single mothers, 127,000 of 160,000, depend on supplementary benefit and are therefore officially living in poverty, the National Council for One Parent Families says.

In a statement coinciding with the publication of its revised booklet *Single and Pregnant: A Guide to Benefits*, the council argues that present benefits should be higher.

In particular, it calls for supplementary benefit to be paid to mothers aged under 16; for the payment of a special benefit without a means test for single parents at the rate of the widowed mother's allowance, and the raising of the £25 maternity grant to at least £120 "to restore its value to its 1969 level".

The booklet is free to single pregnant women and single mothers from the council at 255 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 2LX.

Short back and sides

Finishing touches: Mr David Ellis, a carpenter, trimming the coconut-fibre thatch on a cottage in Babbacombe Model Village, Torquay, which has been renovated over the winter. The 4½-acre village, which has about 330 houses, is based on the Devon village of Cockington.

(Photograph: Martin Keene)

Student survives 260ft plunge

From Our Correspondent, Bristol

A student aged 19 plunged 260ft from the Clifton suspension bridge, Bristol, yesterday and survived. Holidaymakers watched as the youth looked down for a moment and then jumped. His long black overcoat billowing, he plunged feet first into the icy river Avon.

He disappeared for a few seconds before resurfacing and swimming 40 yards to the bank where he was later pulled out by the police. Last night he was said to be comfortable in the Bristol Royal Infirmary where he was treated.

Miss Lorna Smith, aged 21, a nurse from Corby, Northamptonshire, said: "I just could not believe he was really going to do it. When he jumped I could'nt bear to look and turned away. I thought he had to be killed." Her boyfriend, Mr Dave Hendry, said: "He was sitting with one leg on the parapet. Then he swung the other leg over and looked down for a few seconds. He appeared to be very composed and then just pushed off. He disappeared under the water for a moment before coming back up and swimming very slowly on his back towards the bank.

The police said it was lucky that the tide was slack or he could have been swept away by the fierce Avon Gorge currents. Inspector Ronald Powell said: "He is the first person we can remember who has lived."

Hundreds of people have plunged to their deaths since the bridge opened in 1864. In 1885, Sarah Henley, a Bristol barmaid aged 24 was saved by her Victorian dress which billowed open and acted like a parachute. She lived to be 85.

Dispute threatens job scheme for offenders

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A Government funded jobs scheme run by Merseyside probation service for offenders looks certain to collapse after a dispute with a trade union that led to the police being called. According to the organizers of the scheme, about a hundred jobs will be lost and help to pensioners, the disabled and the lonely will end.

Under the scheme, which is funded by the Manpower Services Commission, Mr Roy Adams, Merseyside deputy chief probation officer, said painters and decorators, most of them offenders, had been getting £78 78p a week and juveniles £25 a week. The work involved decorating the homes of elderly people and the disabled and attending to their gardens. No charge was made for labour.

The police were called when dismissed workers from the scheme went to protest at the offices of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (Ucatt) against its opposition to renewal of the jobs scheme.

Mr James Cousins, the union's regional organizer, alleged that workers among the protesters were hurling abuse at staff, using bad language and threatening violence. Mr Cousins now also claims that the probation service is an anti-union Establishment body.

Mr Adams denies this. "All our contracts encourage union membership and we were the first probation service in the country to negotiate a union recognition agreement with the National Association of Probation Officers", he said.

The dispute began, he said, when Mr Charles Harrison, a supervisor and Ucatt shop steward, was made redundant because training under the scheme was transferred to a college as a condition of approval by the Manpower Services Commission. Mr Harrison is not an offender.

Mr Adams added: "We were reluctant to see Mr Harrison leave after his tremendous contribution to the scheme but we had no choice". Mr Harrison could not be reinstated because there was no money with which to pay him.

The work schemes are to be discussed at the area board of the commission on Wednesday. Mr Adams says: "Without union approval it is most unlikely that they will be accepted. In effect, everyone now employed will be out of work and no further employment will be available."

New ecology group aims to make conservation pay

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A new society which aims to reconcile conservation of natural resources with the economic interest of farmers, will hold its inaugural conference in Kent tomorrow.

Far from being a gathering of fringe ecologists antagonistic to agriculture, the conference has the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, several government-backed agricultural colleges and research centres, the Country Landowners' Association, the Countryside Commission, the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Nature Conservancy Council.

Those taking part will include representatives of the ministries Agricultural Development and Advisory Service (Adas), scientists from the Rothamsted Environment Station and the National Institute for Research in Dairying, and speakers from the Game Conservancy, the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation and the Dartington Institute of Community Studies.

The gathering has been brought together by the Society for the Responsible Use of Resources in Agriculture and on the Land (Rural), a non-profit-making educational charity partly financed by the Wates Trust.

Dr Mike Wilkinson, its director, worked until recently for the Grassland Research Institute and describes himself as "one of those boffins who are more farmer-oriented than particularly involved in ecology. I see this concept as trying to make conservation pay", he says.

The society describes its main aims as reducing dependence on fossil fuels; encouraging the profitable recycling of by-products; recognizing the need for the conservation and management of wildlife, vegetation and landscape; and encouraging rural employment.

The conference will begin with a demonstration of how dairy slurry can be recycled to produce methane for heating purposes, liquid fertilizers, protein for animal food and garden compost.

Dr Wilkinson says: "The idea is that waste products from one enterprise can form the raw material for another and make money in their own right. We aim to be a peripatetic organization which will wander round the country trying to focus people's attention on those issues which will not just go away."

The one notable absentee from the list of supporters is the National Farmers Union, which Dr Wilkinson feels, is because it sees itself primarily as a political rather than an educational group. But he is confident that individual farmers will quickly come to appreciate a conservation organization that is working in their interests rather than belabouring them as villains.

● The Council for the Protection of Rural England has appealed to the Government to safeguard the countryside from builders (our Environment Correspondent writes). It gave a warning about "a barrage of publicity from the house-building industry".

The council released the text of a letter it sent to Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for the Environment, on March 25 about the need to improve homes. It claimed that builders were pressing for permission to expand into the countryside because more than a million homes in England were classed officially as "unfit".

LT chief quits two-storey office in economy drive

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Dr Keith Bright, chairman of London Transport, is moving out of his notoriously grand office that featured in allegations of lavish living at LT three years ago.

The move is part of an economy drive at LT's headquarters in Victoria. Dr Bright says he has to set an example.

Described as more palatial than the Queen's and more imposing than the Prime Minister's, the chairman's office at London Transport is the size of a family house. It has two storeys and 900 sq ft of floor space. It has walnut-panelled walls and a domed ceiling with sculpted plaster of different colours.

As LT plunged deeper into deficit in the 1960s and 1970s successive LT chairmen declined to effect this particular economy on two grounds: they needed the space for constant meetings, and an architectural preservation order prevented the room being subdivided.

Dr Bright's answer to that is to move into a smaller office next door and turn the big one into a full-time conference centre, releasing meeting spaces elsewhere in the building. His two lieutenants, Dr Anthony Ridley, in charge of the Underground, and Dr David Quarmby, in charge of buses, are moving into smaller rooms

Occupancy of LT management space will be increased 58 per cent because of the changes, and by the end of next year five blocks of rented accommodation will be released, saving between £1m and £2m a year.

Slowdown expected in video market

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The British video recorder market, which for the past two years has been the most buoyant in the world, is expected to slow down in the next 12 months. Japanese equipment will increase in price by up to 30 per cent because of an agreement between the manufacturers and the EEC.

The decision to standardize video equipment embodied in an agreement signed in Tokyo by the main consumers electronic manufacturers, may also contribute to that slowdown, as uncertain buyers delay their purchases.

The EEC agreement will have more immediate effect. Under its terms, Japanese imports will be restricted to 4,550,000 this year, and prices must reflect the true cost of manufacture and sale. That is sufficient to satisfy the Philips European electronics company, which had raised the action with the European Commission.

Kits of video recorders will be limited to 600,000, which will be included in the import total. They will be the type of product assembled, at least initially in British plants. Thorn-EMI intends to build recorders in Newhaven, Sanyo intend to manufacture in Lowestoft, Suffolk and Mitsubishi will assemble them at Haddington, near Edinburgh.

Last year about two million recorders were imported into the UK and this year that figure is expected to grow to 2,250,000 but will then begin to drop. More than four million recorders have been sold or are being rented in Britain, which represents about 18 per cent of homes with televisions.

Predicting the behavour of the British video market has proved to be a hazardous occupation. Its growth has surprised even the optimists. It is possible that the expected price rises will not deter the British purchaser, and result in even higher prices as demand outstrips supply.

The converse could however be true. If the market slows down too quickily retailers will be anxious to get rid of stocks, and prices will drop. At the moment no one is sure.

In the long-term, the Tokyo agreement will have the greatest effect. It was signed between the main maufacturers of the three video systems – Betamax (Sony), VHS (Japanese Victor Company) and V-2000 (Philips) – committing them to standardize the tape used in video machines to 8mm, and to work towards producing a system for domestic video recorders which will be adopted by all manufacturers.

It will probably take two or three years before those details are finalized and the machines are on the market. The British video market will then take another surge forward.

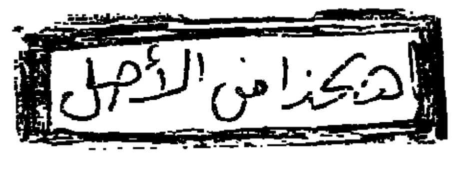
Owners to take legal action on ferry blaze

The owners of the French ferry, Armorique, intend to take legal action against a person or persons unknown for a fire that killed one passenger and injured two dozen others a maritime official said in Roscoff, Britanny, yesterday.

The fire on board the Armorique which is owned by Britanny Ferries broke out on Saturday while the ferry was travelling from Roscoff to Cork, in the Irish Republic. A French teacher died in the blaze. The Armorique, with 700 people on board, continued to Cork, and then returned to Roscoff yesterday with 136 passengers.

M Roger Bosq, the senior maritime official in Brest, said the fire "could have been caused by a voluntary act".

French radio reported yesterday that the police had discovered the £2,000 missing from M Jenan Lamy, who died



Thailand bombs Vietnamese as conflict grows on border

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Thailand used a jet aircraft *yesterday for the first time* to attack Vietnamese troops dug in on *Thai territory. The attack, by* an Air Force F5E fighter-bomber is seen as a serious *escalation of the border conflict* which began last Thursday with *Vietnamese attacks on resist*ance groups near the border.

The warplane and two counter-insurgency aircraft bombed and strafed about 150 Vietnamese in bunkers on a hill,



opposite Phnom Chat, the Cambodian resistance stronghold captured by the Vietnamese last week, and then attacked other Vietnamese positions closer to Phnom Chat itself.

Vietnamese anti-aircraft guns fired on the Thai planes but all returned safely to base. Earlier attempts by Thai infantry and artillery to dislodge the Vietnamese on the hill had failed.

With its seizure yesterday of another centre of Cambodian resistance Vietnam has now knocked out three big anti-resistance bases on the Thai border in two months.

Skirmishing is still going on at Sihanoukville, opposite Surim province, but most of the 30,000 population has fled.

United Nations relief officials said 22,000 had gone to a safe area inside Thailand while thousands more had been scattered.

The defending guerrillas, loyal to Prince Sihanouk, leader of the anti-Vietnamese coalition government, are heavily outnumbered and outgunned by the Vietnamese. Thirty-five severely wounded from Sihanoukville have been admitted to a Red Cross hospital across the border in Thailand.

Last week Vietnamese forces captured an important Khmer Rouge base at Phnom Chat and *in February they overran* and destroyed a refugee and guerrilla base at Nong Chan belonging to the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF).

Thus all three groups forming the anti-Vietnamese coalition government have lost a base since Vietnam began *its dry* season offensive.

Tens of thousands of civilians supporting the coalition are now inside Thailand or have scattered into the interior of their own country. The number killed and wounded in the fighting for the three bases is still unknown.

Vietnamese troops appear not to be paying attention to the border and more have crossed into Thailand at Surin. General Arthit Kamlang-Ek, army commander in chief, said yesterday that he had recieved reports of Vietnamese crossing into Surin where he said the situation was "very serious".

Indicating that the Vietnamese had become more brazen in their infringements of Thai territory, General Arthit said that the events of the past few days had shown that the Vietnamese ominously were not now reluctant to fight Thai troops. In the past they had always tried to avoid clashes when they infringed the border.

The Surin incursion was the fourth by Vietnamese soldiers since they launched their offensive last Thursday. One group of intruders is still occupying bunkers on a hill across the border from Phnom Chat, the base the Vietnamese captured last Thursday. A military spokesman said artillery had been ineffective against them because of the nature of the terrain.

A senior army officer in Bangkok said last night that the Vietnamese appeared as if they meant to stay and probably wanted to hold on to the hill as an observation post.

For the first time the Vietnamese offensive is driving Thai civilians from their homes. Large numbers moved south on Sunday away from heavy border shelling.



Border battles: Thai soldiers wounded in fighting with Vietnamese troops near Phnom Chat, north of Aranyaprathet, on their way to hospital for treatment.

Vietnam: Pham Van Tam

By Caroline Moorehead

Prisoners of conscience

Mr Pham Van Tam*, a 71-year-old former senator, *journalist and human rights* worker, has been in prison for *almost five years without trial.

He is believed to be a prisoner at Chi Hoa jail in Ho Chi Minh City and to be suffering from poor health. His wife is thought to have died last month.

***An outspoken* critic of the Nguyen Van Thieu regime, he was imprisoned several times by the South Vietnamese authorities. In late 1974 he became secretary-general of the now defunct Vietnamese League of Human Rights.**

At the beginning of 1975 he was arrested and accused of being part of a plot to overthrow President Thieu. He was freed a few months later when the Provisional Revolutionary Government came to power.

***Three years later*, however, he was again arrested, this time by the Revolutionary Government police. Labelled a "dangerous element", he was told that he had had "ideas against the regime".**

***For the first nine months of* his detention, he is believed to *have been kept in solitary* confinement. Today, he is one of *thousands of members of the* former South Vietnamese ad*ministration held indefinitely* and without charge.**

Mr Pham Van Tam: critic of the Thieu regime.

Police shoot black leader in Transvaal

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

A black community leader was shot dead at the weekend in a village *in the south-eastern* Transvaal by a white policeman *who had earlier accused him of* holding an illegal meeting in the local schoolyard. The meeting had been called to discuss the Government's plans for the forced resettlement of the village's 5,000 to 7,000 residents in tribal reserves.

The incident took place in the *village of Driefontein, to the* west of the town of Piet Retief *and not far from the Swaziland* border. Driefontein is a "black spot", *the apartheid jargon for* land bought freehold by blacks before the passage of the Native Lands Act in 1913, which prohibited Africans from purchasing any more land in "white" areas.

Despite their legal title to the land, an estimated half a million inhabitants of "black spots" have been forcibly relocated by the Government in the various tribal reserves, also known as homelands or Bantustans, which have been set aside by the Government for occupation by blacks. These areas account for no more then 14 per cent of the total land surface of South Africa.

The dead man is Mr Saul Mkhize, aged 48, who was chairman of Driefontein's Council of Directors, a body *formed by the villagers last year* to coordinate resistance to their resettlement. *The villagers are a* mixture of Swazis and Zulus *and the Government wants to* send them to locations in the KaNgwane(Swazi)and KwaZulu (Zulu) tribal homelands.

There are about 300 indivi*dual landowners in the village,* some of whom lease out part of their small acreage to tenants on a sharecropping basis. They *have dug their own wells and* buit their own shops, schools and homes.

They also raise enough cattle, goats and chickens and grow enough fruit and vegetables to feed themselves and have a surplus to sell to the East Transvaal farmers' cooperative.

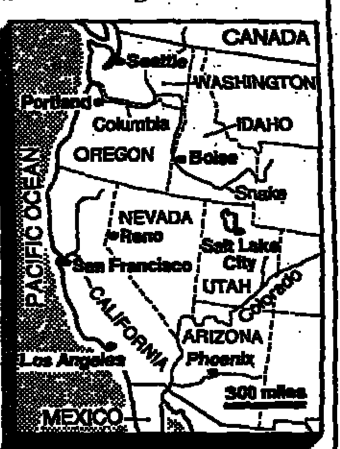
This is in stark contrast to the generally impoverished con*dition of the "homelands" to* which they would be moved. Only those *owning about* 40 acres or more – the minority – *would be entitled to claim land* in their new homes of "equal agricultrual and pastoral value".

The rest would lose everything. *Driefontein itself* would be bulldozed flat.

Pakistan's crisis of identity

TREVOR FISHLOCK, Our South Asia Correspondent, reports on the making of an Islamic state in the first of two articles.

PAKISTAN



Part 1
Uncertain roots

It is a symptom of Pakistan's sensitivity and crisis of identity that Richard Attenborough's film *Gandhi* is likely to remain unshown here. Pakistan is an invented country still trying to *define itself and is* not yet robust enough to see a foreign film that touches on the tender area of its origins, and on its steely and austere founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

The film has been condemned by the law minister as a denigration of the father of the nation, as a "false presentation of his personal and political life". Some critics see it as an attack by the "anti- Pakistan Indo-British lobby".

The debate proceeds apace in the press, and some of the participants have had the advantage of seeing the film, either abroad or on video. It is *much in demand as it* makes the rounds of the video-owning *class in* Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad.

Many think it should be shown publicly and say Pakistan is revealing a sense of insecurity in not allowing it to be shown

There are, however, a number of difficulties. There is the portrayal of Mr Jinnah as severe and intractable. There is the fact that the film is tainted in some Pakistani eyes through having been made with the help of Indian Government money.

But the film also touches on the essence of Pakistan's existence, the circumstances of its birth and the role played by Mr *Jinnah, and all these things* have a part in the thinking of President *Zia ul-Haq* as his obsession with making Pakistan a perfect Islamic state grows stronger.

He believes Pakistan was founded not only as a social and economic haven for Muslims but, primarily, as an Islamic entity. Apart from the rigorous enforcement of order, his main aim is to create a state which is authoritarian and Islamic. Devout himself, he never makes a speech these days without stating the need for Islamization.

Part of the process is a greater emphasis on *Islam in education* and a revision of text books to give a stronger Pakistani and Islamic stamp. (Indeed, the word "pig" is being removed from text books, the animal being unclean to Muslims.)

The process also affects the image of Mr Jinnal, who was always respected, sometimes venerated, as the great man of Pakistan, and who is now being made more Islamic.

His appearance is gradually being changed. His picture is everywhere in Pakistan, in public buildings and offices; but usually in the suit and tie he habitually wore.

Mr Jinnah was a fastidious dresser, but the President has ordered a new official portrait of him, showing the father of the nation in the cap and *sherwani* coat he rarely put on.

As the Islamic tide advances, not much is heard of Mr Jinnah's liberal views on the secular and democratic Pakistan he hoped for. The emphasis is on his playing of the *politically useful* Islamic card. There is naturally no mention of his appreciation of the whisky now forbidden by the regime.

The Attenborough film depicts the independence movement led by Mahatma Gandhi which was part of Pakistan's own history. Naturally its interpretation might cause discomfort in Pakistan. It reminds people that the movement was committed to democracy, a march to the sort of freedom that Pakistan's military leaders have denied its people.

India, under Nehru, began to fashion its version of democracy and has left 1947 behind. Pakistan, hickless in the loss of *its leader so soon after indepen*dence, has been tormented by *the question of what it should* be, and by political failure.

President *Zia's answer*, the totally Islamic policy, places strains on the country because the Sunni Muslim majority, and the *Shia* minority, have their different and strongly held views of *Islam*.

Next: Islamic conflicts

Six shot dead by police in Sikh violence

Delhi (AFP) – Six people were reported shot dead by police in parts of Punjab as violence marred an eight-hour road blockade campaign called yesterday by Sikhs to press their political and religious demands.

A Press Trust of India report said a child was among two people killed when police opened fire at Bhuchu Kaala, near Ahatinda Town, to disperse a large number of villagers who were blocking traffic.

Several others were wounded, some of them seriously. Earlier police opened fire in five separate places and used batons and tear gas in six to disperse protesters, who seriously disrupted traffic.

Four Sikhs were killed by police gunfire, PtI said. The exact number of people injured was not immediately known but early reports said that more than 100 people had been hurt.

"The situation is bad", said one journalist reached by telephone in Punjab, where police were reported to be under orders to shoot violent protesters on sight.

Two Sikhs died in a shoot-out between police and traditional Sikh warriors armed with British-made rifles who opened fire from inside a Sikh temple near Patiala.

The warriors, called "Nihangs", had apparently attacked a police patrol, which fired back.

In Amritsar, holy to the Sikhs, police fired at extremists hurling stones from the roof of a building just opposite the bus terminal to prevent the vehicles from being taken out of the depot.

The chairman of the Sikh party Akali Dal, Mr Harchand Singh Longowal, called the blockade to press Akali demands for greater political autonomy in the Sikh-dominated Punjab state, which borders Pakistan in the west.

Portugal still paralysed by rail strike

From Susan MacDonald Lisbon

The Portugues railways were *still* at an almost complete standstill yesterday as relations between the Government and the striking railway workers' union continued to deteriorate.

The union called a six-day *strike* due to end at midday today over a pay dispute in which the railway board has accused the unions of trying to break the Government's 17 per cent pay ceiling. The stoppage has now been prolonged indefinitely in force of the Government's decision to dismiss all railway workers who failed to obey an order to keep essential services running over Easter.

About 80 workers face dismissal and in a *direct challenge* to the interim Government the unions *have extended to strike* until the Government rescinds the dismissal notices.

Too much water in arid Utah

Salt Lake City (NYT) – Utah's Great Salt Lake, fed by record rain and *snow over the past 18 months*, has crept *to its highest level in* more than *half a century. Flooding in low-lying areas* has already caused millions of *dollars* worth of damage and state officials fear that the worst is yet to come.

***The entire state of Utah is* wringing wet, says Mr Temple *Reynolds of the state's Department* of Natural Resources and Energy, who adds that the spring run-off has not yet begun.**

Utah, normally America's second-most arid state in terms of annual rainfall, now has too much water, a problem it *shares with much of the* Rocky Mountain region and the south-west.

A series of storms driven inland from the Californian coast this winter have swollen rivers, lakes and *reservoirs* already brimming from record or near-record *precipitation* last year.

In Arizona, rain and snow in the watershed of the Salt and Verde rivers above Phoenix has totalled 20in since last spring, nearly three times the norm. Reservoirs are overflowing and in the mountains of central Idaho, snow levels are far above normal for the second year in a row. Rivers have been near flood stage.

Oil slick ceasefire is offered by Iraq

Baghdad (Reuter) – Iraq said yesterday it was prepared to observe a limited ceasefire in its war *with Iran in areas affected* by oil leaking from damaged Iranian wells.

An official Iraqi spokesman said that the ceasefire should be under the auspices of the United Nations or other international bodies.

Several previous Iraqi cease*fire proposals have been turned* down by Iran during the Gulf *War.*

The spokesman said the ceasefire should be enforced after reaching an agreement on the administrative procedures of the ceasefire, he said. He did not elaborate.

"The ceasefire should not give the Iranian regime the opportunity to clean up the waterways in the Gulf or enable it to sail its ships and carry weapons or ammunition through these waterways or clear the zone of naval mines," he added.

"In line with the said conditions, Iraq is prepared to work honestly and seriously with all parties concerned to put an end to this issue."

Crude oil *has been gushing* for more than a month from two damaged Iranian wells in the Nowruz field at the head of the Gulf, causing a gigantic slick which is causing serious concern among Gulf states.

The spokesman said he was replying to a statement by Mr Hossein Mousay the Iranian Prime Minister which, he said, attempted to blame Iraq for the oil slick.

One of the leaking Iranian wells was apparently struck accidentally be a ship in February. The other was reported to have been hit by Iraqi naval fire on March 2.

Foreign oil disaster experts have been on stand-by to try to cap the wells, but they have said they would need some kind of ceasefire arrangement since the fields are in a dangerous combat zone in the two-and-a-half year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Uganda Asians seek fair compensation

By Richard Dowden

The Uganda Government has been severely criticized for *legislation recently promulgated* to deal with property owned by Asians when they were expelled from the country by President Idi Amin in 1971. The British Government has also been criticized for refusing to act on behalf of Asians who are British citizens.

Mr Ian Macdonald, a lawyer specializing in civil rights, says *in a report for the Uganda* Evacuees Association that *Ugandan legislation* passed last year is "deficient in the key question of compensation" and needs clarification.

The Asians, some 40,000 with British passports and another 25,000 with other passports, were given three months to leave by Amin in August 1971. They left behind an estimated £200m worth of property: houses, shops, stocks and land.

Last year the Obote Govern*ment passed legislation* to restore the properties to their *original* owners. The Government asks owners to apply for repossession before May 22 by filling in a form and sending it with £50, title deeds and other documents relating to the property to the Uganda Government.

The application will then be *examined* by a committee and if successful the owner must *return* to Uganda within 120 days. He is not allowed to sell the property for five years without consent of the Finance *Minister*.

In a speech on February 1, President Obote said that the act "is not and must not be interpreted as a scheme to persuade or attract the former owners to return to Uganda".

Some of the richest Asians have already gone back and are being assisted by British aid to reestablish their businesses. But according to Mr Praful Patel, former member of the Ugandan Resettlement Board, not many of the smaller businessmen and other professionals wish to go *back. They want compensation.* Although President Obote *claimed "there is provision in* the act for any former owner who does not want to repossess his property to opt for compensation," it seems that the properties which are not repossessed will be auctioned off and the money raised paid to former owners. No one doubts that in Uganda's financial straits this would represent a tiny fraction of the property's value when they were expropriated.

When the legislation was passed Britain told *claimants* that there was now a perfectly good "local", that is *Ugandan* remedy to pursue their claims. A *Foreign Office spokesman* said that the Government *reluctantly* acted on behalf of the Asians in 1973 at the *insistence of Amin. However,* under pressure from the Ugandan Asian community in Britain, the Government has now agreed to seek clarification from the Ugandan Government on the question of compensation. It is still awaiting a reply.

Council's tower block faces demolition after 12 years

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

A council-owned block of flats in Chelsea which was once hailed as an architectural achievement faces demolition only 12 years after being built.

The evacuation of 50 families from the tower block at the unfashionable end of King's Road is a grievous loss of public accommodation in the Kensington and Chelsea borough, which is hard-pressed to house its less well off residents.

It has also raised in the minds of tenants and opposition councillors several questions about the responsibility of architects and builders and the quality of management by officials and politicians of the solidly Conservative council.

Behind these questions lie issues such as the cost limits set for council building, the reliability of modern *British* building materials and a fear *that the flashy exteriors of* 1960s construction may conceal *rotting and hollow cores.*

In the case of Moravian Tower, at 355 King's Road, the core is rotting. According to a report by Cameron Taylor Partners, the latest of a line of consultants called in by Kensington council to survey the block, the brickwork is falling apart, and sulphates are eating away the mortar.

Unlike other kinds of tower block, this has an unusual design; the external bricks hold the building up. The Government's Building Research Establishment is testing to see for how long they will continue to do so.

Moravian Tower is adjacent to the World's End council estate, which is an area of high rents where most residents need state assistance to pay them. The block, however, has had a stable, older population; it has been, people say, a tower block "that worked", or rather would have worked if there had not been damp.

Mr John Keyes, a Kensington councillor, represented the area *in the early 1970s. "It was* completed in 1971. Not long *after, I was telling the council* that it would have to be pulled down; the problems were such that it would be cheaper on the long run to rebuild it."

At first the difficulty with the damp was specific. Water leaked into the top flats.

It was soon discovered that after rain the flats half way down the block became damp. Ceilings cracked and paper peeled. And Kensington started legal action against the builders and architects.

After a High Court action in *1975 in which* Kensington claimed £30,000 in damages the *consulting architects* on the project, Chameberlin, Powell *and Bon, paid £10,000* through their insurers. Since the council *had retained £5,000* of the original contract price, they had *£15,000 compensation.*

The builders, a firm called F. G. Minter, were in liquidation. The council still has an outstanding claim

The council has voted to move tenants and let the flats temporarily to students while sections of the brick work are tested.

In the words of a housing asociation official, the council has gone begging *to the* voluntary housing movement to find *accommodation.*

Mr Richard Powell, a partner in the *architects* practice, blamed the trouble on the use of inferior quality "Fletton" bricks. Their failure could not be *foreseen* at the time, he said.

Shovel clue in murder inquiry

Detectives investigating the murder of Mrs Mary Willmore, an eccentric cat lover, found dead in her burnt-out house on Saturday, in Taplow, Buckinghamshire, have found a garden spade, broken in two, which they believe was used to kill her. The police believe it was used to force open the door of the house and later used to batter her eight times over the head.

Det Supt Maurice Caro, who is leading the murder hunt, said yesterday that the spade was one of seven or eight found inside and outside the house.

Mrs Willmore was found dead in the dilpidated house after an arson attack on Saturday morning. Several of her 15 cats died in the blaze

Mrs Willmore, aged 74, who lived alone, never used doors and climbed in and out of the windows just like her cats. Mr Caro said that it was possible that the killer carried out the attack and returned to the house some hours later to set fire to it. It had been burning for 45 minutes before being spotted.

Whitehall brief

Unusual ascent to the top Treasury job

By Peter Hennessy

One evening at Westminster last May, an ennui-laden select committee hearing on tax and benefits suddenly came alive when Mr Peter Middleton, a Treasury deputy secretary, produced a dazzling vaudeville out of the most *unpromising* material.

The contributory *principle* was not new, he told the MPs. The Commons passed *its* first social security Bill in 1776, although it was thrown out by the Lords. It was all in Tom Paine, *The Rights of Man.* Volume two, he thought, not volume one.

The press bench, which engages in a running commentary on such occasions, wondered what it was all for. He was practising for the day he became permanent secretary, was the conclusion.

The press bench was right. He takes over the top Civil Service job in the Treasury today at a very young age, by Whitehall standards. (He was 49 on Saturday.)

Mr Middleton has star quality. The *Prime Minister* thinks so. Treasury ministers think so. He looks like a natural who has stepped effortlessly



Mr Peter Middleton: Energy and star quality.

into his *inheritance.* Yet the route of his ascent has been most unusual.

It starts at Sheffield City Grammar School in the late 1940s. He was a classmate of Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour spokesman on *home affairs.* They used to watch Sheffield Wednesday *together.* What if Mr Hattersley became Chancellor of the Exchequer? "That would be a laugh, wouldn't it", *Mr Middleton* says.

It continues via Sheffield and *Bristol* universities, where he read economics, the Royal Army Pay Corps and the Central Office of Information (COI) *to a temporary* post in the Treasury press office in 1962 – a far cry from Eton, Christ Church, the Treasury and Number 10, the path taken by Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary *of the Cabinet*, his fellow "super" permanent secretary.

Mr Middleton is no prisoner of the English obsession with pedigree. Merit determines promotion in the Civil Service, *he says.* He remembers the COI fondly. He met his wife there. "People ambled around in suede shoes. It was much more friendly than the Treasury".

The reason Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, "that other famous Treasury minister, the First Lord", as Mr Middleton calls her, insisted on his *leaping two* grades into one of the top three *Whitehall jobs* is very clear to another senior man who also enjoys the approval of the First Lord:

Peter is very good on the economics, very relaxed about understanding it. But his great strengths are his energy and the *ability* to provide ministers with what they need. He sees the decisions they *must* reach, the difficulties they face and the order in which things must be taken. He makes *ministers* seem better than they are.

For those *reasons*, his backers say, he would be just as adept as *serving a Labour* administration as a Conservative *government. His detractors* disagree. They claim that in the mid-1970s he immersed himself in the new monetarist literature and swallowed it hook, line and sinker.

Mr Middleton denies that vigorously. When he finished his second spell in the press office in 1975 he was moved *into* the monetary policy division, so he had to read himself in. Monetary policy was a necessary mechanism for bringing payments back into balance and restoring a degree of stability to the system, he says. "The Treasury *is the most* cynical of places. Nobody swallows anything hook, *line* and sinker."

Mr Middleton still feels a bit temporary. "I never set myself an ambition to be Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

"It is nice to be here. I am not indifferent to the prospect. What remains to be found out is if one can do anything while one is there."



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Soviet Union hints it will hit back at America over missile deployment

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The Soviet Union declared yesterday that it would not soften its rejection of President Reagan's interim proposal on medium-range missiles and hinted that it was considering ways of hitting back at the United States over the deployment of new Nato weapons in Europe.

Observers said the Soviet leadership had conceded that it could not now prevent the deployment of some, if not all, of the cruise and Pershing 2 missiles due to be placed in Europe by the end of the year. In his statement on Saturday Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, spoke as if the deployment of the missiles were a foregone conclusion, and emphasized that Moscow now felt itself to be encircled by American nuclear missiles based in Europe and Asia as well as the United States.

Pravda said yesterday that Moscow would retaliate against a first-strike potential in Europe, and would "never forsake its security interests".

Sources said the Russians were still anxious to reach agreement at Geneva, but only if the United States made further concessions. Soviet political and military leaders do not regard the medium-range SS20 as a new factor in the East-West balance; but see it as an updating of the SS4 and SS5. Soviet generals are, therefore, urging the Kremlin to respond to what they see as the inevitable introduction of cruise and Pershing 2 rockets into Europe.

Tass said yesterday that the US State Department was wrong to imagine that Mr Gromyko's rejection of the interim proposal as unacceptable was subject to change.

American officials had reacted with "unusual haste" and had clearly not read the text of Mr Gromyko's remarks carefully enough, Tass said.

Informed sources said the Russians were actively considering three options: the stationing of nuclear-armed submarines in waters around the United States – to place America in "an analogous situation"; the deployment of SS20 rockets on the Kamchatka peninsula on the Bering sea, from where they could reach Alaska and part of the west coast of America; and the introduction of new Soviet missiles into East Germany.

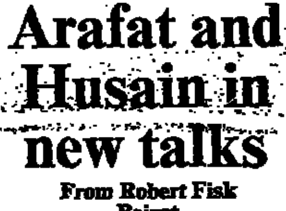
Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Defence Minister, is to visit East Germany soon on an official friendly visit.

Sources said there were drawbacks in each case. In the case of East Germany, the Russians are reluctant to install missiles on the territory of an ally, and medium-range rockets would not, in any case, threaten the United States from East German bases.

Observers said it was noticeable that the military and political leaderships had drawn together as if in time of crisis, and that military leaders were taking part in key decisions.

In a little noticed move, four army generals were recently promoted to the rank of Marshall, including General Vladimir Tolubko, Commander of the Strategic Rocket Forces.

Observers were struck by the fact that at his press conference Mr Gromyko did not say that Russia would destroy some of its SS20s if agreement was reached at Geneva. Such undertakings have irritated the generals, who would prefer to redeploy the rockets in Soviet Asia.



Say it with flowers: Sophia Loren, the actress, receiving a bouquet from a little girl during her visit to a Hongkong children's hospital.

Letter from Tokyo

Japanese gloss on the Mickey Mouse magic

Japan after the Second World War was once described as "A nation [illegible]", a description which seems to have paled in the light of its successes since. Walt Disney and a group of hard-headed Japanese investors, however are counting on the child in millions of Japanese to reproduce successfully the famous playland in Tokyo.

Mickey Mouse, the world's best known rodent, has become Tokyo's most prominent symbol, plastered on everything from tee-shirts to space-age electronic games.

This is no small tribute to the promotional skill of those who created Tokyo Disneyland, a clone of Disney's original California entertainment park on a stretch of reclaimed marshland near central Tokyo.

TDL, as people in the business call it, will open its gates officially on April 15. It has already given a series of test previews. One such dry run involved invitations to more than 20,000 guests for a party and few empires could have rivalled Disney in scale or entertainment.

For an entire day the guests were allowed to roam through the park. Nearly all of the 32 attractions, 27 food outlets and 21 shows, on a 202-acre plot with 300,000 trees (not including 5,000 flowers making up Mickey's portrait) were in operation, at no charge.

The magic of Disneyland shone through despite cold grey weather. Grown men wearing mouse-ear caps were queueing for genuine American hotdogs and moving through Disney's version of fantasy (Peter Pan on his way to Never-Never Land), adventure (Pirates of the Caribbean) and the future (Space Mountain). A marching band periodically appeared and Disney's cartoon characters frolicked everywhere.

TDL is a nearly exact, in some cases more technically advanced, replica of the rides and attractions which Disney operates in southern California at the original Disneyland, and in Florida at Disneyworld.

Walt Disney Productions did not, however, invest any capital in TDL. Instead, in return for setting it up, Disney will receive 10 per cent of the fees collected and 5 per cent royalties on everything sold in the park.

Financially, TDL seems a sure winner. It sits in the middle of a market of 30 million people (real 12-year-olds included) living within 30 miles. [illegible] million are expected to visit it during the first year.

TDL is expected to spark the biggest boom in Asian tourism in years, an assessment which has Japan Air Lines, one of the park's sponsors, licking its chops.

One worry was that the crowds would overrun the place, which forced the management to install an advance booking system. Sunday's and holidays are already booked solid until mid-summer. Even with the modest crowd of several thousand at TDL's private party, the queues were long and public transport slow.

Disney has not agreed to export its fantasy worlds to any other country and Japan, visitors and residents alike agree, already has many of the elements which TDL is supposed to bring: things work, service is good, streets are clean. Some would say that Tokyo itself is one of the best fantasy lands available.

"Come to Japan to see America", was the cryptic comment of one of the promoters. Indeed, one intriguing possibility, considering that attention to detail and dedication to doing things right are national passions in Japan, is that TDL could just outdo the real thing.

Richard Hanson

500,000 Germans against the bomb

Bonn (Reuter and AP) – The West German peace movement said more than 500,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators marched to rallies yesterday at the end of four days of protest.

Organizers said demonstrators converged on cities including Dortmund, Mainz, Cologne, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Munich and West Berlin and their ranks were swelling all the time.

The biggest protest action against a military establishment was at Kellinghusen in Schleswig-Holstein. About 10,000 people formed a human chain round a Nato base where they say nuclear missiles are stationed.

About 180 protesters, who tried to block entry to a US radar installation in West Berlin were detained for violating a ban on demonstrations near military facilities.

Police continually moved protesters sitting in front of the main gates of the US Wiley Barracks in Neu-Ulm, Bavaria, where Pershing 2 missiles may be deployed later this year.

One of those removed at the weekend was Herr Gerd Bastian, a retired army major-general who is now a Member of Parliament for the anti-nuclear Greens.

In Berlin, police said the arrested protesters were released over the weekend. In Frankfurt about 30,000 demonstrators gathered before a cathedral in the city centre, waving anti-nuclear banners and balloons. Pushing bicycles and baby carriages, protesters held placards reading "Stop US Rockets", and "For a Nuclear-free Europe".

At one of the biggest rallies, in Dortmund, Herr Joseph Lienen, the environmentalist leader, said the peace movement would make it virtually impossible for the West German Government to deploy cruise and Pershing missiles.

He said the movement would mobilize public opinion

About 204 missiles are due to be deployed in West Germany unless the Soviet Union and United States reach agreement in the disarmament talks in Geneva by the end of the year.





Kohl courted

Chancellor Helmut Kohl (above) of West Germany has accepted invitations to visit Washington and Moscow though no dates have yet been fixed, it was announced yesterday. An official statement said President Reagan invited Dr Kohl on March 30 to a working visit to Washington. On the same day, the Soviet Ambassador in Bonn, Mr Vladimir Semyonov, extended an official invitation to Dr Kohl from Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader. It will be Dr Kohl's first trip to the Soviet Union since becoming Chancellor. He visited Washington last November, a month after taking office.

In Frankfurt, Miss Melinda Fine, a representative of the American nuclear freeze movement, told demonstrators West German and European protests were supported throughout the United States.

In Basle, Switzerland, near the frontiers of both West Germany and France, more than 2,600 peace campaigners began an Easter march yesterday.

US looks to Europe's new men

Washington (NYT) – The Reagan Administration is devising a broad strategy to counteract what it views as growing anti-American tendencies among younger Europeans.

The target is a new generation of European leaders who share none of their parents' experience immediately after the Second World War, when Americans and Europeans worked closely to form a military alliance and reconstruct Europe's shattered economies.

Government and private opinion polls show that these young leaders – known here as the "successor generation" – have a far less positive image of the US partly because their views have been shaped by American involvement in Vietnam and by domestic crises like Watergate.

To counter the troublesome implications for future cooperation between Western Europe and America, Administration officials and foreign policy groups have undertaken a series of actions designed to reestablish close transatlantic bonds.

The Administration plans a multi-pronged effort. President Reagan's recent presentation of a new negotiating proposal for limiting medium-range missiles was partly intended to respond to growing pressure from West Europe for Washington to demonstrate more flexibility in the arms control talks.

Mr Charles Wick, director of the Information Agency, has raised several million dollars privately to double, from 15,000 to 30,000, youth exchanges between Europe and the US in the next three years. The agency is completing a poll in Italy [illegible] on successor generation attitudes. A similar survey is proposed later this year for West Germany.

Mr Peter Dailey, American Ambassador to Ireland, recently completed a report for the White House on ways to strengthen European support for deployment of the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Europe, should the arms talks with the Soviet Union fail.

Illness 'simulated'

TV crew arrested in West Bank

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The controversy over the alleged mass poisoning of more than 750 Palestinian schoolgirls in the occupied West Bank deepened yesterday when the Israeli military authorities arrested two members of the CBS American television network for allegedly persuading patients to simulate the mystery illness in a Nablus hospital.

Israeli security sources claimed that the arrest of the sound technician and cameraman had been ordered directly by General Uri Orr, the chief of Israel's central command. The arrests provoked fury among both local and foreign journalists who have frequently accused the Israelis of hindering reporting of events in the West Bank, where the first 66 cases of the illness were reported on March 21.

After Mr Warren Lewis, head of the CBS bureau in Israel, had issued a strong denial that his crew was staging its report, the Foreign Press Association, representing more than 200 international journalists and cameramen based in the country, issued its toughest criticism yet of the Israeli authorities.

The association's statement called on the Israelis to prove their outrageous claims [illegible] and [illegible] a court of law or immediately release the two television men with a public apology.

The arrest of the CBS crew, which was filming at Nablus hospital with the permission of the Palestinian director, was the climax of a propaganda battle which has been raging since the first outbreak of the mystery epidemic was reported [illegible]

The Israeli military authorities have consistently attempted to portray the alleged poisoning as the result of [illegible] mass hysteria whipped up by Palestinian provocateurs, while local Arab doctors and some Israeli medical experts have claimed that it has a medical cause.

Dr Hussein Obeid, the Palestinian director of public health services for the West Bank, released a statement which appeared to have been circulated to counter the dismissive claims of the Israeli authorities about the causes of the unexplained epidemic. It said that examining doctors had come to the conclusion that there was a medical reason for the mass illness, but that laboratories in the West Bank and Israel had so far been unable to identify it.

Already, the International Red Cross has sent a senior physician to investigate the bizarre medical phenomenon, which Palestinians blame on a form of toxic gas poisoning.

Yesterday, a second independent investigation began in the West Bank when two representatives from the Institute of Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, visited Tulkaram hospital where more than 50 patients are being treated.

Arab conviction that the [illegible] was caused by deliberate poisoning by Israeli settlers or soldiers continued to prompt widespread unrest in the West Bank yesterday. [illegible] in annexed East Jerusalem [illegible] shut in protest, causing bewilderment to many of the thousands of [illegible] tourists visiting the Holy [illegible]

Arafat and Husain in new talks

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, met King Husain of Jordan again yesterday after an extraordinary meeting of the PLO's executive council in Amman at which the Palestinians reportedly drew up a [illegible] for the King's perusal.

Jordan permitted some of the most radical, and anti-Jordanian, PLO leaders to travel across the border from Syria to discuss a new formula which would bridge the gap between the concessions of the Arab summit in Fez last year and President Reagan's proposals for Palestinian self-determination.

The United States has ruled out any direct PLO participation in talks over the future of the West Bank and Mr Arafat has stated several times that the PLO cannot accept such a condition.

But it was significant that Mr Fahd Kawasmeh, a former mayor of the West Bank town of Hebron whom Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, has mentioned as a possible negotiator, attended the executive council meeting in Amman. Mr Kawasmeh is not a member of the PLO.

The PLO might feel able to resolve the issue of representation by giving some kind of formal blessing to Mr Kawasmeh and other non-PLO Palestinians to take part in negotiations between King Husain and the Israelis. But the Fez summit resolutions called for an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Mr Arafat could conceivably fudge the issue of statehood but the Israelis would be in no mood to discuss Jerusalem.



Mice just nice for a condor

The California condor, (above) hatched in a zoo laboratory flapped its wings for the first time and has gained a bit of weight, San Diego wild animal park officials said yesterday.

Sisquoc, the first California condor born in captivity, is progressing well and continues to have a voracious appetite of chopped mice and regurgitated food, Ms Martha Baker said, AP reports. She said the baby bird has gained about an ounce in weight since it was hatched at the San Diego Zoo last Wednesday, and now weighs just over half a pound.

Ms Baker said Sisquoc is fed six or seven finely chopped mice and several helpings of regurgitated food every three hours by keepers who use condor puppets.

The puppets are used to feed the baby so the bird will imprint on a condor face rather than a human face.

"Now that the bird has better vision, we want to use the puppets all the time", Ms Baker said.

Biologists say that only 17 to 20 California condors are left in the wild and the huge scavengers are dying off at a rate of three or four a year. Four of the condors, the largest birds in North America, are in captivity.

Eight face charge over Bani-Sadr

The trial has begun in Iran of a group of people accused of being involved in the escape of former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Iran's national news agency reported, according to Reuter.

[illegible] technicians [illegible] taking part in [illegible] aircraft for the escape.

Mr Bani-Sadr and Mr Massoud Rajavi, leader of a left-wing opposition group, fled the country in July, 1981, on board an Air Force jet. They now live in exile in Paris.

Escaping acid evicts 5,000

Denver, Colorado (AP) – A railway wagon loaded with nitric acid ruptured in a railyard, sending a dangerous mustard-coloured cloud over the city and forcing the evacuation of up to 5,000 people.

At least 16 people were taken to hospital for treatment of eye irritation and breathing problems. Three firemen suffered minor acid burns.

Terrorists hack nine to death

Manila (Reuter) – Troops found the bodies of nine people hacked to death in the southern Philippines. Police in Jasaan, about 470 miles from Manila, said the killings in San Antonio, nearby, were believed to be the work of terrorists.

Earthquake toll

Jakarta – At least 100 people were hurt and scores of buildings damaged when an earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale rocked the northern tip of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Nobody was killed.

Star can stay

Washington (AP) – Ignoring appeals from China, the US Justice Department announced that political asylum is being granted to [illegible] 19-year-old Chinese [illegible] who defected [illegible] last summer.

[illegible] free

[illegible] – About half [illegible] elephants [illegible] from south [illegible] make way for [illegible] have broken [illegible] fence and [illegible]

Khyber [illegible]

[illegible] – Pakistan has stopped [illegible] using the [illegible] the Khyber [illegible] Afghan border in [illegible] to halt heroin [illegible]

Jumbo plus

[illegible] (AFP) – The first Boeing [illegible] was put into service at the weekend by the French UTA company on its Far East and Pacific service. It is the latest version of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet with a lengthened upper deck.

Moscow's reprimand for Tokyo

Moscow (Reuter) – Tass said yesterday that Japan was clearly conniving at an American nuclear build-up in the Far East and advised Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister to reconsider what it called a risky policy.

"Tokyo should understand that the Soviet Union, (and) the Socialist countries of Asia, will not remain indifferent to the plans of further drawing Japan into the nuclear strategy of the USA," Boris Chekhonin a political commentator wrote.

Mr Nakasone has denied the presence of any US nuclear weapons on Japanese territory, but the Tass commentary said this was just "putting a good face on the matter."

"It is an open secret that the Pentagon has already long been violating Japan's 'non-nuclear' principles," Tass said.

"The Japanese Prime Minister would be well-advised to think where such a risky policy can lead his country, rather than try to refute what has become obvious."

● *PEKING:* Mr Zhao Ziyang the Chinese Prime Minister yesterday called on Third World nations to band together against the superpowers to create a new world economic order, AFP reports.

Speaking at the opening of a symposium on Third World cooperation, Mr Zhao said China was ready to develop its economic and technological cooperation with Asian, African and Latin American countries.



Off the rails: A mud slide [illegible] at Rockfish, Virginia, [illegible]

Dissident editor jailed

From Our Own Correspondent

The editor of an underground religious journal has been sentenced to a year in prison and five years' internal exile.

Miss Zoya Khrakhmalnikova went on trial in Moscow last Thursday charged with anti-Soviet agitation. She had edited an underground journal on religious and historical themes entitled *Nadezhda* (Hope). The state prosecution said the articles slandered the Soviet system and gave "a crudely distorted picture of Soviet reality".

[illegible] account of the trial, Tass said the journal had been published in West Germany by the Russian-language Possev press and smuggled back into the Soviet Union.

Miss Khrakhmalnikova, a theologian by training, was arrested last August, and had been awaiting trial for eight months.

Fellow dissidents said yesterday that although her one-year sentence was comparatively lenient, official reports of the trial had ommitted the additional sentence of five years internal exile.

Epidemic mare loses her foal

Piber, Austria (AP) – A Lippizaner mare receiving interferon against a virus has aborted her foal and is in a precarious condition, her veterinarian said yesterday.

"Her condition is causing us concern", said Dr Lothar Schmehlik, resident veterinary surgeon at the south-east Austrian farm where the famous dancing horses are bred.

The epidemic has killed seven mares and 28 foals since early February, paralysing the [illegible] in a [illegible] abortions [illegible] after birth.

The [illegible] two others [illegible] rhinopneumonitis [illegible] receiving injections and oral doses of interferon on Friday, after the drug arrived from the United States and was rushed through the Austrian customs.

Dr Schmehlik has repeatedly refused to comment on the effect of the interferon treatments at the stud farm, saying he prefers to wait [illegible] are ended later this week.

The epidemic, [illegible] herpes virus, has [illegible] any of the [illegible] Lippizaner stallions, whose dancing performances at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna are one of Austria's main tourist attractions.

One of the three infected mares is expecting a foal in May. All three mares and a foal born healthy on Sunday are in quarantine at the farm.

[illegible] blamed for terrorist blast

From Mario Modiano, Athens

[illegible]

[illegible] leading up to the dining room was knocked down, and the lift was destroyed. Three cars parked outside were damaged.

Two hotel employees were slightly injured, but there might have been many more [illegible] had not [illegible] participants in the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] climate in Greece.

Mr Evangelos Averoff, the New Democracy leader said he held Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, personally responsible for the outrage which was the product of "the wave of violence and terrorism encouraged by the Government's inept and dangerous policies".

New Democracy had refused to be intimidated, he added, and would fight back by peaceful and democratic means, but it was resolved to bar the way to violence and terror which was sowing discord in the country.

A government spokesman rebuked Mr Averoff for blaming the Government. "Mr Averoff knows full well that no [illegible] ever nursed any thought of terrorizing him, and he should know equally well, or at least speculate on who might have had an interest to create similar situations in sensitive regions of the country."

The cryptic remark seemed to allude to neighbouring Turkey, although pro-government newspapers claimed the explosives where available only to the Greek Army which because of Turkey's proximity is present in force at Didymotiho.

The Greek Communist Party blamed "sinister forces and agents of American imperialism" out to destabilize Greek democracy. Other pro-government newspapers spoke of right-wing extremists.

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SPECTRUM

When Michael White cancelled a £1.5m musical the day before its premiere, his instinct was based on 20 years of gambling

One in the *i* for a tastemaker

By Shirley Lowe



Ian Cook



Donald Cooper

Michael White (above) believes that his failure with Arturo Brachetti (above right) has not harmed his reputation at all

Michael White is not afraid of failure. Back in the early 1960s he survived six theatrical flops in a row: "I did them because I liked them and wanted to do them and not for commercial reasons", he says. Last year he successfully produced *The Pirates of Penzance* and *Annie*, but made dramatic losses on *Pass the Butler* and *The Understanding*. "Both plays lost a fortune", he observes cheerfully. "I've got good taste and judgment, but it's a fact of life that I'm not very good at business."

Now, his good taste and judgment are in question as he attempts to salvage a show from the shambles which was *i*, a highly publicised musical which closed before it opened at the revamped Piccadilly Theatre a couple of weeks ago. It cost the French backers £1,500,000 to transform the Piccadilly into a lavish, Lautrec-style, late-night restaurant, serving up dinner, disco, drinks and a cabaret along with the 90-minute show. Michael White closed down and gave the staff their notice the day before the Royal Gala charity premiere.

"Oh, everyone keeps saying: 'Couldn't you see it coming? Couldn't you do something?'" he says. "Of course we could see it coming, but with 70 people involved, it's like being in an avalanche. There's nothing you can do about it."

He explains that the reason he didn't cancel until the very last minute, when Princess Anne was practically in her party frock, was because he had hoped, as show business people traditionally do, that it would get better, that everything would be all right on the night. But the final dress rehearsal confirmed what presenter White and producer David Astor had gloomily suspected: *i* was a disaster.

Ironically, those elements which had beguiled Michael White into the cabaret and catering trade in the first place, caused the fiasco. *i* was never intended to be the sort of popular glamour and spangle item which Raymond puts on at the Windmill and Stringfellow is expected to offer us when he reopens the Talk of the Town. It had high artistic aspirations – "impressive and different", White said at the time – and involved choreographers from the Royal Ballet and Arturo Brachetti, a 23-year-old Italian mime artist, much admired by society folk in Europe and New York.

It turned out to be pretentious and totally incomprehensible. "*i* can be interpreted as the individual or as a symbol of the inward eye", wrote a reporter, pluckily trying to define the meaning of the thing. Brachetti was not just the star, he was also the director – and he had never directed before. It has been reported that there was something of a communications problem during rehearsals: when the key creative people involved spoke to each other, they didn't agree; the language barrier between the admiring coterie surrounding Arturo, the boy wonder, and the English cast was insurmountable.

The scenery, props and costumes caused anxiety. They did not arrive from France until just before the show was scheduled to open, and then they did not work. A chariot fell apart, depositing Brachetti on his bottom. An exploding piano failed to explode. Some of the cast were stuck in doorways by their ludicrously large headgear and others were painfully slashed by the costumes made from mirrors. To make matters worse, *i* meandered on for three and a half hours, instead of the required 90 minutes, making it impossible to find time to serve dinner to all the bemused and hungry prospective customers.

Michael White is now in New York; he went there by way of the Caribbean, where he called in to see Jean-Marie Riviere, a French director who has worked with Brachetti in Paris. White hopes to persuade M. Riviere to direct Brachetti in a brand new show at the Piccadilly later this year. It is, he says, extremely likely that Riviere will accept or that the French backers will come up with another £1m, but, after all that embarrassing publicity last month, he prefers to keep it all very vague. "I don't think, actually, that this has affected my reputation at all", he says. "One swallow doesn't make a summer, or words to that effect. It was a gamble. For that matter, every show is always a gamble."

He has been a gambling producer ever since he brought the Cambridge Footlights – an amateur revue – to the West End when he was only 25 and launched them with the first of his spectacular, starry parties. A few years later he put on *Oh! Calcutta!* and it was touch and go whether the police would close it down on the grounds of obscenity. In the end, they didn't and the crowds came in charabancs to marvel at the nudes and the rude words. He has produced such beautiful bad-taste offerings as the Clash's *Rude Boy*, John Waters's Odorama film *Polyester* (the audience were given bits of card to rub at appropriate moments) starring the grotesque Divine, and *The Rocky Horror Show*, a highly sophisticated romp about a transvestite Frankenstein.

His latest gamble, a movie called *Strangers' Kiss*, is the marvel of the film industry. White made it in Los Angeles for only £50,000 on an act now/pay later basis. "It's a gamble because we haven't sold it to anyone yet", he says. Last year, he courageously backed Jerzy Skolimowski's *Moonlighting* with a personal bank loan: "I thought it was so good that everyone should have the chance to see it."

He also took on the unknown Comic Strip lot when Peter Richardson fell through his front door one day, and then spent a great deal of time and effort phoning up anyone with influence, begging them to go along to Soho and see these very funny comedians in action. "Well, *that* paid off," he says. "They are now doing very well indeed and we're making films with them for Channel 4."

When he was in his early twenties, a successful child of the youthful 1960s, Michael White made one of those marvellously quotable remarks which have a habit of boomeranging right back at you, years later: "I go along with Sartre, who says people over 45 ought not to have any position," he said.

Now, here he is at 46, looking no more than 28, it's true, dressed in de rigueur blue jeans, black jacket, black and white bow tie, correctly crumpled cotton mac and muffler, tight black curly hair with, perhaps a hint of a tint. A man who has sat on the council of the Royal Court, the drama panel of the Arts Council. A person of position, no less. "Yes . . . well," he murmurs. He has one of those quiet, classless voices. "I sort of still feel that, in a way. Old people do rule the world, but it's not actual age that matters, is it? I mean, Bertrand Russell at 90 was younger than most people at 25."

He is, he says, more catholic in his tastes than almost anyone he's come across. "I'm going to *Top of the Pops* tonight, but I'm just as happy to go to Covent Garden and see some opera that was written 200 years ago, if it's well done."

There is a disconcerting *rightness* about him. He drives a Porsche and a Jeep, of course. His home in South Ken is safe chic: pale sofas, good bits of art deco, tastefully large pictures. The office, tucked away above St James's, has bookshelves full of the sort of books other people leave on coffee tables. Did he know about Gilbert and George *before* they became colour supplement heroes? Or did he get to them later?

Ian Cook

He has that vital blotting paper quality which soaks up a trend before it has set

I suspect he bought the book on Gilbert and George at *exactly* the moment a sharp art editor and an imaginative television director were murmuring: "Why don't we do something on that odd couple . . . you know . . . artists . . . somebody and George?" He has that vital blotting paper quality which soaks up a trend before it has quite set, the reason why he is such an interesting and innovative entrepreneur.

"What does amaze me is the number of things I've done, the sheer volume", he says. He sees his job as the man who drives the chariot, holding all of the strings, while a lot of other people help pull individual strings. "The producer is always identified as the man with a big cigar who eyes the girls, but I'm not like that at all."

Michael White would never be vulgar – or old-fashioned – enough to eye the girls, but he certainly attracts them. He is divorced from the model Sara Hillsdon and they have three children, now aged 18, 17 and 15. "I think they think I am a little wild," he says. The Australian journliast Lyndall Hobbs, now working in Los Angeles, has been his constant companion for years and shares a photo frame with his children on his desk, but he is nearly always pictured flanked by at least two or three pretty girls with names like Davina or Sabrina or Koo.

Women like his youthful pleasure in the new and different

"I get on with women because I like them," he says. What *they* like is his youthful pleasure in the new and different and fun – he took one girl to see the Police at Wembley and was as excited as all the other fans to be at a pop concert – as well as the glamorous backdrop his lifestyle provides for any hopeful girl about town.

His friends say that underneath that laconic, man-of-the-world manner Michael White is shy and unsure of himself and that is why he is always giving parties, surrounding himself with celebrities. He says that he does it because there is something quite interesting that makes them into a celebrity, isn't there? "Anyway, after a while you know so many celebrities that they just become friends – or acquaintances.

"What I enjoy most in life is the thrill of seeing a very good performance. It is quite rare." He quotes Brachetti: "Captivating – and clever . . ." and Robert Wilson's avant-garde piece, *Einstein on the Beach*: "One of the best things I've ever seen." In New York he is tying up *Torch Song Trilogy*, a gay Jewish play which he will present over here later this year: "*It is so good it shocked my socks off.*"

One of his most exciting moments in the theatre, he says, was the first time he saw the Pina Bausch Performance Company in Germany. He brought them to England in association with Sadler's Wells and a girl in the Sadler's Wells publicity department says it was such an unexpected visual and aural treat (nasal, too, since there was real, spring-smelling turf laid on stage) that some people were storming out of the theatre in a rage while other people queued to get in.

That is the kind of stimulating controversy you rarely get in classical theatre, unless a producer like Michael White is prepared to gamble their reputation. And for that to happen, perhaps there has to be an *i* or two along the way.

Jazz Age legends were in the making when the Murphys entertained on the Riviera

In the social swim at Villa America

Washington – "It was a magical childhood," said Honoria Donnelly, who grew up in the South of France in the 1920s in a world peopled by such expatriates as Hemingway, Fitzgerald and Dos Passos. "Every day was an event."

Mrs Donnelly was four years old when her parents, Sara and Gerald Murphy, headed for Europe from America to escape their oppressive families and to find what they termed cultural nourishment. They settled in the south of France in a seven-acre, 14-room Cap d'Antibes villa. The spot became a sort of port of call, Mrs Donnelly said, for artist and writers whose names are now legendary.

A quicksilver couple whom the poet Archibald MacLeish once described as "sort of a nexus with everything that was going on," the Murphys were generally credited with starting the summer season on the Riviera. They were portrayed in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender is the Night* and became the subject of Calvin Tomkins's *Living Well is the Best Revenge*.

Now Mrs Donnelly, in collaboration with Richard N. Billings, has produced *Sara and Gerald: Villa America and After*, a memoir in which personal reminiscences by Mrs Donnelly alternate with a narrative by Billings culled from family journals and letters.

Mrs Donnelly and her husband, William, a speech writer in the Kennedy administration who wrote the foreword to the book, sat at home in McLean, Virginia, recently and talked about the book's beginnings.

For years, she said, her husband and three children kept after her to write down the stories she had told at the dinner table: how Picasso mixed his paints with a long fingernail on the little finger of his right hand; how Hemingway taught her to clean fish; what had gone on at a fairy-tale party that Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald once gave for their daughter, Scottie.

Mrs Donnelly rummaged through some albums as she talked, and cameos of fabled faces emerged, both from the faded photographs and from the words she spoke.

"Dorothy Parker had a cosy presence," she said; "Hemingway taught me not to be afraid. He was very gentle and had a quality that somehow made want to please him; you wanted to do well in front of him. Picasso was funny; he would say things with a completely dead-pan expression, and at the beach he always wore a black stetson."

While the Murphys lived abroad, from 1921 until 1932, Honoria Murphy made 16 trans-Atlantic crossings. But, she said, at no time did she or her two younger brothers, Baoth and Patrick, think of themselves as anything but Americans. "This," she said, "was because my father celebrated the Fourth of July each year and we would get the latest jazz from America and fly the American flag."

Gerald Murphy had an unerring eye for shape and form and Sara Murphy an instinct for living and entertaining.

New York Times Pictures



Gerald, Sara and their children on the beach at Cap d'Antibes, where they began the shift from winter to summer holidays

The Murphys painted set designs with Picasso for Diaghilev ballets, a young pianist, Arthur Rubinstein, played for them in their Paris apartment, and their villa was a magnet not only for the American colony in Paris but for such as Monty Woolley, Cole Porter and Cocteau. Cocktails were a ritual presided over by Murphy. Philip Barry, the playwright, once told him, "Gerald, you look as though you're saying mass."

But the fairy tale came to a tragic end. In 1929, Patrick contracted tuberculosis, and the Murphys' last years in Europe were spent at sanitoriums in search of a cure. Baoth died in 1935 of meningitis, at the age of 16. Two years later, Patrick died, also at 16. After Baoth's death, Mr Murphy wrote to Fitzgerald, "*Life itself* has stepped in now and blundered, scarred and destroyed."

The friendships and correspondence with the Hemingways, the Fitzgeralds and the MacLeishes endured long after the Murphys returned to the United States, where Murphy took over the family business, the Mark Cross Company.

When Murphy died in 1964 at the age of 76, Archibald MacLeish chose the inscription for his gravestone, turning to King Lear. It says, "Ripeness is all". Sara Murphy died 11 years later. She is buried next to her husband in East Hampton, their last home. The inscription on her gravestone had been chosen by him before his death. From Thomas Campion, it reads, "And she made all of light". "When mother saw it for the first time," Mrs Donnelly said, "she cried."

Barbara Gamarekian

Anyone for a bike-ride up the M1?

MOREOVER ... Miles Kington

Not a day seems to pass without someone setting off to walk to the North Pole, run across the Himalayas or cross the Atlantic in a hip bath. But for those readers who may have missed the departure of some of the more interesting expeditions now afoot, I provide a short check-list.

Disco Dance to the North Pole

A group of unemployed youngsters from Streatham aim to become the first people to disco dance to the North Pole. They are tremendously fit, having trained every night for the last three years, and don't see any problems ahead. "It'll be cold, of course," says spokesbloke Kevin, "but you keep really warm doing disco dancing, and the snow and ice won't make much difference. It gets pretty freezing in Streatham, too, you know. If there is a problem, it will be transporting all the disco gear – sound system, light show, etc – but we've got a good roadie. At least it will prove that young people still have initiative."

Water Ski Across the Atlantic

Bert Randles of Miami believes that nobody has ever water-skiied across the Atlantic going west to east, and aims to do it when the weather gets better. The initial problem was in finding someone who would tow him, but he now reckons he can make use of a cargo ship doing a scheduled run, and hang on behind, well out of reach of the propellors.

"OK, so there's always a chance I might fall off, especially if I get tired," Bert admits. "And the ship will get tired of turning round to pick me up again. But the way I see it, there'll always be another one along in a day or two. It gets cold at nights in the Atlantic, I believe, so I'll be wearing a fur-lined pair of swimming shorts and really thick water-proof socks. The one thing I worry about is that when I make landfall in Europe, I'll have to go through immigration, and there really isn't much place a water-skiier can keep a passport about his person. I reckon I'll have to bluff my way through."

The Highest Cocktail Party in The World

Lord Lichfield and the most beautiful women in the world, who have represented Britain at almost every event, whether they got an invitation or not, now intend to stage the highest cocktail party in the world. The present record, they believe, is held by a British Embassy reception in uptown La Paz, Bolivia. The main problems at high altitude come from the fact that mulled wine boils at a very low temperature and that in cocktails the cherry freezes to the side of the glass.

Great Disused Railways of The World

A new series being planned by the BBC, to follow the success of their previous railways series, in which – among other delights – Michael Wood will walk the length of the mythical Inca railway through the Andes and Terry Wogan will explore the legendary Dublin Underground. This latter is believed to have had three circle lines, none of which met at any point.

Sponsored Paddle Through the Brazilian Rain Forests

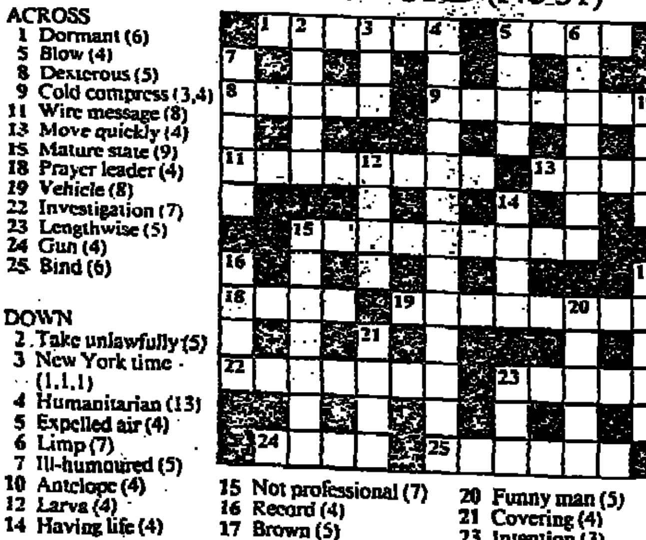
The rain forests of South America have been crossed often enough, but never before by four old age pensioners from Morecambe. Wearing knotted handkerchiefs on their heads and with rolled up trousers, they intend to wade up the rain forests as far as they can go, or until they run out of hot Bovril, the makers of which are sponsoring the trip.

"We've heard as how there are some funny things lurking around in the water there," says spokesoldy Brian. "All I can say is that there are some bloody funny things lurking in Morecambe Bay, mostly thrown in the water at Blackpool, and we're ready for anything."

Bicycling Down the M1

Ernie Jones set off from Leeds last Thursday in an attempt to become the first man to bicycle the wrong way down the M1 at night. He has not been heard from since.

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18 Prayer leader (4)
19 Vehicle (8)
22 Investigation (7)
23 Lengthwise (5)
24 Gun (4)
25 Bind (6)

DOWN
2 Take unlawfully (5)
3 New York time (1,1,1)
4 Humanitarian (13)
5 Expelled air (4)
6 Limp (7)
7 Ill-humoured (5)
10 Antelope (4)
12 Larva (4)
14 Having life (4)
15 Not professional (7)
16 Record (4)
17 Brown (5)
20 Funny man (5)
21 Covering (4)
23 Intention (3)

SOLUTION TO No 30

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

A new angle on the body

Packing for a sunshine holiday means suspending disbelief in warm weather and hanging out all your light clothes on show together. Any separates that cannot be worn with at least three other items should be ruthlessly jettisoned. A holiday kitbag demands mix-and-match garments that can work together for day, evening, beach or town.

That means that you have got to stick to a basic colour scheme probably based on one or two shades with white. Since a fresh fashion breeze has blown away all the floral sarongs and peasant skirts, you could this season choose streamlined sporty shapes in just black and white, with the odd dash of primary colours.

Stripes broad and narrow are the theme of the T-shirts, beach tops and sweat shirts that make up holiday sportswear. But the important thing is not the geometric patterns printed on to them, but their basic shape and proportions. The fashion cut is now quite generous, so that shirts have a dropped or raglan shoulder rather than the classic set-in sleeve. Shorts are getting baggier, too, often with a rolled hem held with a poppered slot, and this same rolled effect is found on sleeves of shirts and jackets. The newest trousers are all cropped with T-shirt tops, cotton knit sweaters and blouson jackets cut off sharply at tunic length.

The new clean mood has affected swimwear too. The one-piece suits are inspired by dance exercise tops and leotards, made in lightweight fabrics that mould the body and are designed to stay in place for action sports.

The shaping of the most interesting swimsuits is technically dazzling, as they are often cut on the cross or out of a single piece of fabric with the fit fashioned with stretch, not seaming. The new theme from the Israeli swimwear house of Gottex is asymmetrics, so that blocks or triangles of colour are swept across the body contrasting geometric angles with the curve of the figure. These kind of optical illusions can cleverly change the apparent proportions of the body.

Tricks with stripes are played by Gideon Oberson using horizontal patterns for a swimsuit below the waist and vertical above to give the illusion of a two piece, or when a plunge front swimsuit has horizontal stripes on its cut-away bottom half and stripes set in a herringbone panel at each side of the bodice.

Swimwear is now an integral part of many designer collections, so that a lot of creative input is channelled into cruise lines. The Emanuel Ungaro shop is now carrying his Sola Donna collection of young summer separates and Simpson Piccadilly have the lively Christian Dior summer knit range.

Because swimwear is now in tune with the rest of our wardrobes – rather than beached on some distant paradise isle – it has also become a part of total holiday dressing.

The Atlantic shoreline is also catered for in the beach outfits that include a cotton cardigan, a track suit jacket or a long sleeved velour top that all give warmth without weight on chilly days.

Summer shoes also seem to show more variety. There are still opens thonged sandals and the rope-soled espadrille goes marching on, but canvas open-toe pumps and mesh ballerina flatties offer alternatives that will see you through the Spring.

Accessories are the things that pull simple summer separates together: the multicoloured canvas belt, the shell-decorated hair combs, the boiled sweet transparent beads, the spotted kerchief. Because clothes are getting sharper, so are the new accessories, with angular earrings, chain belts and sports watches engulfing the earlier wave of ethnic bangles and cheesecloth shawls.

The best accessory of all is a suntan. You can't take it with you when you go, but it will make all your holiday clothes look twice as good when you try them on in front of the bedroom mirror back home.



Above: Black swimsuit with white abstract motif, approx £40 (b/w only) by Anna Club from Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1; Harrods; Peter Jones, Sloane Square, SW1. Black and white cotton mini skirt, also in assorted colours with white, £35.50 by Philippe Salvet from Harrods, Harvey Nichols, Habeus Corpus, NW1. Lolita sunglasses from a selection at Flip, 126 Long Acre, WC2 and branches. Mesh pumps £14.99 from Faith, 383 Oxford Sreet and branches.
Above right: White swimsuit, black striped with primary coloured abstract print, approx £35; cotton crepe culottes (and top not shown), approx £69. Both by Anna Club from Madelaine, 15 St Christopher's Place, W1; Joan Ponting, Brmingham.
Right: Graphic bandeau-top swimsuit, sizes 10-16, approx. £15; black ciré, towelling lined reversible jacket approx £35 from a selection by Abecita from She, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath, SE3; Imago, Wimbledon Hill Road, SW19; Prompt Corner, Southampton; Deek Out, Salcombe, Devon. Compass watch by Porsche Designs rom Porsche Car Centres countrywide, Harrods and leading department stores

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Make-up by Rossie Salinas for Colorete, Lima, Peru

Holiday kitbag



The sharp separates: Collarless cotton shirt with blue, yellow, red black or jade green stripes, £12.95 by Gloria Vanderbilt from Dickins & Jones; Debenhams, Oxford Street, W1; Fenwick, Brent Cross, NW4; Army & Navy stores. Slim cotton skirt in jade green, pastel yellow, blue or pink, £16.95. By Gloria Vanderbilt from Dickins & Jones; Peter Jones, Sloane Square, SW1; Alders of Croydon and Sutton.

Summer lightweights: Mesh T-shirt with raglan sleeve and eyeletting, white, red, green, blue, sizes 10-16, £7.99. Red cotton shorts with turned hem, also red, sizes 8-14, £9.99. Both from major Marks & Spencer stores.

The new graphics: Hot pink and white striped towelling bandeau bikini, £18. Also jade green and blue/white. By JerSea from Dickins & Jones, Regent Street, W1; Greensleeves Herne Hill, SE24; Wicketts, Wells, Somerset; Pretty Things, Buckhurst Hill. Matching asymmetric-stripe cover-up, £19 from Dickins & Jones; Eaden Lily, Cambridge; Grunchy, St Helier, Jersey; Bridge Gallery, Looe, Cornwall; Dyas Brothers, Shrewsbury.

The optic print: Black and white abstract patterned cotton vest, also red, green and purple with black, £8.95 by Wahls from Varis, Forres, Morayshire; L'Interieur, St Ives. White washed cotton shorts with button-fly shorts, £33 by Katherine Hamnett from Joseph, 6 Sloane Street, SW1 and Chinese Laundry, 14 South Molton Street, W1 and 53 King's Road, SW3; Splash, Bath; Warehouse, Glasgow; Corniche, Edinburgh.

New proportions: White and black cotton Japanese print top £12 cropped trousers, £14. (b/w only), small and medium by Hindukush, mail order from Hindukush, 229-231 Portobello Road, W11, add £1.50 p & p.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Just not critic

Derek Parker, until recently chairman of the Society of Authors, has been sacked as book reviewer for ITV's teletext service, Oracle, for reviewing a book of his own. Parker admits that it was he, under the pseudonym William Blatchford, who supplied Granada with what he claims to be the "secret" memoirs of the nineteenth century courtesan, Cora Peral. Blatchford's *bona fides* having been challenged in *The Sunday Times*, officials at Oracle became suspicious when Parker contributed a warm review of the book. Parker says: "I suppose it was always likely someone would find out. I only meant the review as a mild in-joke. William Blatchford was the name of my maternal grandfather".

Logarhythms?

With donnish understatement, Richard Maunder, a Cambridge maths lecturer, says he found writing Mozart's music "difficult". The authenticity of his efforts can be judged at tonight's performance of Mozart's *Requiem* by the Academy of Ancient Music at the Barbican. Maunder, a keen viol player, has tried to disentangle Mozart's own unfinished work from that of Süssmayer, to whom its completion was entrusted by the composer's widow. Though most of the voice part and bass figures were annotated by Mozart, Maunder had to supply most of the Amen fugue, for which Mozart had written only 16 bars.

Scotched

John Mortimer has upset his old Oxford college, Brasenose, with his description of his Roman Law tutor, Sonner, in *Clinging to the Wreckage*. Mortimer describes Sonner as "a mountainous old man who drank a bottle of whisky a day". Particularly inappropriate, the Brasenose magazine notes sniffily, since Sonner drank little whisky and always so much diluted that it was "very easy for his butler to syphon off part of the contents of every bottle in his cellar and fill them up with water". The butler's depredations were discovered only after Sonner, mistaking doors on the train, had tumbled to his death on the tracks outside Didcot. The college, the magazine records regretfully, made the mistake of buying up the old man's whisky.

Bleak pudding

Manchester is having trouble finding a candidate to take part in a black pudding eating contest at Euston station on Thursday. Champion scoffers from neighbouring areas of Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside are preparing for the feast, part of an exhibition to promote tourism in the North-west. The glorious mixture of pig's blood and oatmeal is said to have originated in Manchester, but though four locals volunteered, all have since cried off. The Greater Manchester Council spokesman tells me: "There are a lot of red faces here at the moment. if no one else steps forward I might have to – and I can't stand the stuff."

Double trouble

There is a snag to the new scheme designed to stop unwanted junk mail dropping through your letterbox. A colleague who registered with the Mailing Preference Service and asked them to kill his junk post has now received, within a week, two identical acknowledgments bearing the message: "We would like to remind you that it may be up to three months before your request has been actioned by all subscribers to the scheme."

Flour power

Saudi Arabia is determined to grow its own wheat, according to Bob Bergland, a former United States Agriculture Secretary, even though it may cost more than five times as much as airfreighted grain from the United States. "It is a matter of national security with them", Bergaland says. "They want the wheat, no matter what the price. They will be growing it in sand. It would be like trying to grow wheat in Phoenix". So madly expensive is the scheme, indeed, that already several American farming companies, as well as French and German ones, are looking into it.

To the rescue

Fairey Allday Marine pushed the boat out for the Victory '83 naming ceremony at Hamble during the week. The acknowledgements at the back of the programme give thanks: "For the Victory Wine, for the Victory Cocktail . . . for the Beer, for the Champagne, for the Rum, for the Victory Cake" and lastly "St John Ambulance for First Aid."

Disorient Express

Ray McVay will not be pleased to learn that someone else knows what he used his American Express card for last month. His account was erroneously sent to a PHScribe, but American Express were unabashed. "It's the mechanical stuffer", their public relations director said, without a hint of shame.



Tesco supermarkets sell matchboxes decorated with the full achievement of the arms of Tesco, which include badgers as symbols of good housekeeping. Also on the boxes appears the surprising legend: "Made in USSR". I wonder whether there is any point in badgering Tesco about this?

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Where are today's action men?

by Edward Heath

Faced with the world economic crisis, the Western governments have either delayed the necessary action or preferred to pass the buck to each other. This is true in all three of the principal tasks facing them in the field of international economic policy today: to counter deflation; to stabilize exchange rates; and to maintain confidence in the commercial banking system.

Many, including our own Chancellor of the Exchequer, now concede that economic expansion by some governments is essential for a sustained upturn in investment, output and employment.

Yet the British Government looks to the Germans and Americans to initiate the expansion; the Germans look to the Americans and the Japanese; the Americans wait for the reduction of their budget deficit and for the allies; and the Japanese wait for everyone else.

This is a prescription for further depression. Simultaneous and coordinated expansion is needed by those countries with lower rates of inflation and adequate control over the public finances. The only decisive obstacle here is the United States budget deficit. If that can be brought under greater control, the United States, Britain, Germany and Japan should be in a position to expand together.

When it is no longer possible to pass the buck, the excuses begin. Action to stimulate growth would be inflationary, we are told, even though we are now in the most *de*flationary situation since the 1930s, with spare industrial capacity and unemployment at record levels everywhere.

Then we are told that the financial markets will scupper any attempt at economic expansion, having been taught by monetarist governments to believe that expansion inevitably goes into inflation rather than output. If they have been so taught, then they can be untaught or retaught. Indeed, those governments with the best credentials as monetarists who now realize the need for expansion are likely to be the most credible and effective in this process of re-education.

Successful expansion requires more stable exchange rates. The present wild swings are a strong disincentive to investment and trade. Yet neither the US nor Britain has been prepared to work out a system of coordinated monetary, fiscal and exchange rate policies to preempt damaging and unjustifiably large swings in parities.

The banking crisis has been met no more decisively. The Brandt Commission, among others, concluded as early as December 1979, before interest rates and oil prices had risen to their record heights, that the Western commercial banks were becoming severely over-extended in many developing countries. Nothing was done about this until Mexico was on the verge of financial collapse last August – three *years* later.

The contrast between the inertia of governments today and the speed with which they created a new world economic order after the war is striking. The conference at Bretton Woods, which set up the principal institutions of this order, lasted 22 days.

From the moment General Marshall first proposed his plan for the economic recovery of Europe, it took only three weeks for the British and the French to accept it, and only 11 months for the Europeans and the Americans to agree on a comprehensive four-year scheme of action.

The European Communities were no less rapid in their creation. The treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community – the first great act of reconciliation between France and Germany after centuries of conflict – took only 11 months to conclude. The European Economic Community was created less than two years after the conference of Foreign Ministers at Messina in June 1955, where it had been formally proposed.

These remarkable creative political acts, in which wholly new institutions and systems of international order were launched by a mere handful of meetings, starkly highlight the irrelevance of the plethora of ministerial conferences and summits which litter today's international agenda but achieve next to nothing. What is needed are binding agreements, not empty promises; adequate time to reach agreements, rather than two-day media festivals; and the willingness to face up to collective responsibility, rather than to pass the buck.

The Times Portrait : Jonathan Aitken

After Jay, a mission to entertain

"As Queen Victoria said, we are not interested in the possibilities of defeat," Mr Jonathan Aitken opined yesterday. This display of bluster, delivered less than three weeks after his boardroom coup toppled Peter Jay as chief executive of the disastrous breakfast television station TV-am, should not disguise the depths in which Aitken now finds himself.

Though he may protest frequently that his appointment is temporary, and that he will soon return gladly to the Tory back benches, Aitken's personality is central to the TV-am crisis.

Two popular portraits of Jonathan Aitken are doing the rounds at the moment. One depicts him as an ambitious reformed playboy from a wealthy background whose present position at the helm of TV-am, after a messy but wholly necessary coup against Peter Jay, is simply the natural product of the combination of boundless talent and gaping opportunity.

The second presents the Conservative MP for Thanet East as the nouveau riche son regaining his roots. Forget the Beaverbrook background, which, says this school, was not worth as much as most think; Aitken's real talent is for making money, principally by persuading wealthy and titled Arabs to part with their soft-earned petrodollars.

Far from being a philanthropic rescue of the wreck of the "mission to explain" broadcasting philosophy of which Jay was so proud, this theory runs, Aitken's elevation is simply part of the game plan formulated by TV-am's major institutional investors from day one: give the public faces of the Famous Five their head and then, if they disgrace themselves, send in the shock troops and a bagful of audience-grabbing bread and circuses.

The current misconceptions about Aitken say as much about him as the facts. He is not an automatic in-line recipient of Beaverbrook money. Aitken, whose father, William, was Beaverbrook's nephew, received nothing in the old man's will, though his business partner, Timothy Aitken, Beaverbrook's grandson, was left a trust fund.

Aitken's millionaire status stems from his assiduous cultivation of Arab business, initially through a branch of the ill-fated Slater Walker. Now, Aitken Hume, the financial services company which he and Timothy control, is a stock market favourite, and one in which Aitken (English), the private family company behind the 16.7 per cent largest single stake in TV-am, has a considerable share.

These holdings have led outsiders to believe that it is the breadth of Aitken's financial interests, and their dependence upon the Arabs, that may provoke the wrath of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Michael Deakin, the programme controller, and target of Anna Ford's talk of treachery at the time of Jay's fall, and Kevin Sim, the features editor, are, with Aitken, descendants of the generation of young programme-makers brought into YTV by Donald Baverstock in the 1960s. The Baverstock school promotes intense, almost masonic loyalty to one another. Baverstock himself flatly refuses to dicuss Aitken with newspapers, except to say: "He is still a very good friend".

Aitken's greatest success so far, then, has not been his boardoom coup, but his ability to project the dramas of Camden Lock as a straightforward conflict between the lofty and distant pretensions of Jay and "the Famous Five" and the realities of broadcasting. In fact, the greater battle has only just begun, and it is a battle, not with Anna Ford, but with the IBA over the conditions of the franchise which brought TV-am into being.

It was significant that one of Aitken's first statements when he took over as chief executive was to paraphrase his predecessor's famous pronouncement and declare: "TV-am has a mission to entertain".

His message was underlined by the appointment of Greg Dyke as the station's new editor-in-chief yesterday. Dyke may be a man with impeccable serious television credentials – he has produced *Weekend World* – but he has been selected for his creation of *The Six O'Clock Show* for LWT, a frothy downmarket pop show which would go down well in prime time in downtown Los Angeles, and resides a million miles away from the concept TV-am staff labelled "Jaybreak".



So while the station may well have such a mission to entertain, what it certainly has not is a franchise to pursue it.

TV-am was set up to be a news and current affairs station. It could be that re-runs of Tom and Jerry would give it the audiences to make it viable – or, put another way, provide a service which the public would want to watch in considerable numbers – but this is not what the guardians of broadcasting taste in Brompton Road have decreed.

The prospect arises, therefore, of the authority stripping TV-am of its franchise because it has failed to meet its broadcasting obligations, and it is a prospect serious enough to merit deep discussion in Camden Lock.

"According to one leading member of the TV-am camp the question the IBA may have to face is simple: "Would it be willing to throw 400 people out of work because more viewers have decided to tune in to TV-am?"

In other words, TV-am's down market plunge has a double-pronged purpose: to win the viewers and advertising revenue which, with a bout of cost-cutting and possibly redundancies, will make the station financially viable. And to gain rapidly such a large audience that the IBA could not be seen to take the station off the air without a public outcry.

Recent traumas apart, there are many waiting in the wings for a chance of a crack at the breakfast slot. ITN, which desperately wanted the franchise, has been vocal in making it known behind the scenes that it is willing to enter into partnership with TV-am over news coverage.

Many of the losers in the original battle for the breakfast franchise feel that even with audiences of around 400,000 it would still be possible to make money out of the medium. If the IBA were to tire of TV-am's turmoil, it could easily turn to the Pearson Longman consortium which ran Jay a close second for the franchise and then neatly turned the experience of making the bid into expanding the film and television group Goldcrest.

What has pushed TV-am into its early crisis is not just the paucity of its audience but the conspicuous excess of the Camden Lock studios and their operating costs. The colour supplements may have ogled over the fancy architecture of Camden Lock but many of TV-am's backers were appalled when they finally walked through the door to encounter the futuristic atrium describing the passage of the sun from east to west.

Aitken has surmounted one crisis to face another. One crumb of comfort for him lies in the fact that should the IBA take the ultimate sanction against the station it will be damning itself as much as Camden Lock. The IBA, as much as Aitken, needs TV-am to prosper, and still save its face.

CND v MoD: the next round

As Joan Ruddock, CND's chairman, flies off to the United States for a lecture tour, and Michael Heseltine recovers from his visit to the Berlin Wall, both sides face the question of where they go next in the nuclear debate.

For CND, which has taken something of a bashing from Mr Heseltine since his appointment as Defence Secretary three months ago, the numbers on the streets of Scotland and by-ways of Berkshire were heartening, but still leave the battle to be won. For Mr Heseltine, the problem of sustaining the Government's campaign is, if anything, worse.

The most significant of the weekend's events may not in the end be the 60,000 to 70,000 people CND turned out in well disciplined demonstrations. Rather it may be President Reagan's announcement of the abandonment of the immediate "zero option", and the much smaller number of perhaps 2,000 campaigners who turned up on Thursday, before the human chain, to blockade Greenham Common and the Burghfield nuclear weapons factory.

President Reagan's proposal to allow limited numbers of missiles on each side brings us one step closer to the certainty that, whatever the outcome of the Geneva disarmament talks, there will be at least some cruise missiles stationed at Greenham by December. And CND's small groups of blockaders, who knew they risked arrest, showed that there is an increasing, if still small, number of people prepared to take action against the missiles if they come.

Burghfield may not have been much of a test. No organized effort was made to get the workforce in. The factory was due to work only half the day, and few workers attempted to run the blockade. At Greenham Common, Thames Valley police showed that if CND and the women campaigners can train for non-violent direct action, so can the police, with a new tactic of peeling back the seated ranks of demonstrators to allow 17 coaches carrying 800 construction and military personnel into and out of the base.

The Burghfield blockade was, however, an important psychological boost to the blockaders, who will be out again at the Upper Heyford USAF base in May. The prospect of demonstrators equipped with walkie-talkies pursuing the huge cruise missile convoys round the countryside or awaiting their return to base after an exercise is not one that the authorities can relish.

Not that such tactics are by any means the only shot in CND's armoury. The peace movement, of which CND is only a part, is overflowing with ideas for campaigning that involve far less commitment than risking prison.

CND itself has its "peace canvass", in which members take the issue on to people's doorsteps as though a general election was already under way. Its national "public education" advertising campaign should start shortly. Within the movement ideas such as all members withdrawing their National Savings on one day are being canvassed.

Cheques that British Telecom computers cannot process are being designed as a protest against its work at Greenham, and more pressure may well be put on local councils and individuals to boycott companies involved in weapon construction.

The difficulty with all these and other ideas will be ensuring media coverage, and avoiding dissipation of effort into too many ideas at once, in a movement that has little central control.

Mr Heseltine's problem is not unrelated. While the peace movement is a dynamic campaign, he is essentially defending a static position.

Everything he says is no longer news. Gimmicks have to be found – visiting the Berlin Wall, stomping around Greenham Common in a hard hat.

His more serious difficulty is how to get the intellectual and hard-headed arguments that justify cruise and Trident across. The opinion polls show a huge middle ground that the Government needs to win – the 30 per cent to 40 per cent who say they want Britain to keep a nuclear capability, but then say they do not want cruise and Trident.

Already some of his advisers are wondering whether heaping abuse on the peace movement – "woolly minds in woolly hats", "naive", "reckless" and hints that CND is somehow a sinister left-wing front – is going to convince that middle ground which sees the need for nuclear defence but has real fears about the means by which it is to achieved, and about the apparently unending growth of weapons.

All it may be doing is convincing the converted, and leaving the middle-ground doubters wondering whether the Government really has a case for the new weapons.

It was a senior Cabinet colleague of Mr Heseltine's who once lamented that it took three minutes to convince someone of the unilateralist argument, and 20 to persuade them of the need for nuclear defence and multilateral negotiations. Mr Heseltine somehow has to find that 20 minutes – perhaps through the debate with CND that he has so far refused?

Nicholas Timmins

Geoffrey Smith

Privately, a Tory back-pedalling

Sir Geoffrey Howe has been in the vanguard of those Cabinet ministers calling for some privatization of the welfare state. Last July he made a notable speech in Cambridge suggesting that it was time to consider "how far private provision and individual choice can supplement or in some cases possibly replace the role of government in health, social security and education".

Last Wednesday in Hemel Hempstead he set out deliberately to carry forward that debate. But there were important differences. He said nothing then that contradicted any of his remarks in Cambridge, but the omissions were suggestive. Last July he had spoken favourably of a system of charging for publicly provided services, saying that "in some cases charges might be a preliminary to some form of private sector involvement". There was nothing specific about charges last week. At Cambridge he had referred hopefully to the possibility of school vouchers and student loans. Neither received a mention last week.

Above all, the tone of the two speeches was different. He was just as enthusiastic last week as he has ever been about the value of private health care and private education. But he spoke of them more as the handmaidens than as rivals of the public sector: "more private provision in these fields lessens the burden on limited resources".

He even spoke with pride of the additional resources devoted by this Government to the health service and to improving social security benefits – while expressing confidence in the scope for savings from administrative changes that stop well short of the more radical measures at which he was hinting earlier.

It can hardly have been an accident that Sir Geoffrey did not get round to mentioning school vouchers and student loans last week. There has been opposition to both at significant levels within the party. The education policy committee under Lord Beloff has reported unanimously against vouchers. The Conservative backbench education committee under Sir William van Straubenzee has come down against vouchers and loans. The critics are not without support in the Cabinet – from dries and semi-dries as well as from wets.

It is now highly unlikely that there will be any commitment to student loans in the manifesto. A large question mark hangs over the idea of vouchers, though it is just possible that there might be a promise to experiment in this field. In general there seems to be a greater recognition of the practical difficulties presented by some of the proposals for social privatization.

The point at issue is not whether private education, private medicine and private pension schemes are desirable. No Conservative would doubt the case for private provision in the social field continuing and probably expanding. The critical question is whether it is necessary for any government to do more than simply allow this to happen. Should there be changes within the public sector to encourage the operation of market forces and stimulate demand for private provision?

This is not an issue on which it is wise for Conservatives to take a doctrinal stand. It would be absurd to suggest that the demand for private health care, private pensions and private schools is not affected by what is on offer in the state systems. The relative size of the public and private sectors in all these fields can be influenced by government policies, and it would not be unreasonable for a Conservative government to act in accordance with its own philosophy.

But if its actions are governed only by its philosophy it is asking for trouble. Any changes would have to meet tests not just of principle but of practice. They would have to take account of what is already happening: no government starts with a clean slate. They would therefore have to be effective within a politically acceptable period of time – which means within the lifetime of a parliament for any highly contentious measure – and would have to be capable of being implemented without too much upheaval.

One of the principal reasons why vouchers and student loans have been losing Conservative friends has been the growing realization that for quite some time they would be more likely to cost than to save money. It is better to appreciate that now rather than later. Higher and more extensive charges in the health service may well be necessary to contain costs; but the simple assumption that this would automatically lead to greater demand for private care needs rigorous examination. Private health charges might go up correspondingly.

The Conservatives should not be ashamed of treading warily now before they make commitments. They need to be sure that any changes they introduce would achieve the purposes they seek. Otherwise they would do better to leave it to existing market forces. This of all governments should beware of the fallacy that demand for private provision in the social services will not grow unless the state acts.

Roger Scruton

Benn, really just another Benito

Mr Benn is not the only one to use the word "fascist" as a term of abuse for those who are unconvinced by the theory or practice of socialism. Almost everyone on the right (to use another indiscriminate label) is liable to be faced by the following argument. You believe a, b, and c. At least some fascists believed a, b and c. Ergo you are a fascist. Since fascism is evil, you too are evil. In Mrs Thatcher's case a, b, and c are the ethic of work, the values of the family, and national sovereignty. They might have been love, life and happiness for all that the argument shows.

Such is the logic of Mr Benn. And it is a logic which has enormous appeal for those who have swallowed the myth that fascism is the enemy of modern civilization, and socialism (including communism) its friend. It is proof of the good manners of the right that it seldom replies in kind; but there comes a point where good manners have to be set aside

Fascism was a system of government introduced into Italy by Mussolini. It has something in common with the falangism introduced by Franco into Spain; it also led to an alliance with Hitler. As a result, the term "fascism" has come to denote three very different systems of government, and is used as a term of abuse largely by those who regard it as a name for the mass hysteria which led to Hitler's crimes.

Hitler's regime in fact called itself "national socialism". It had very little in common with the regimes of Mussolini and Franco, other than the fact of massive popular support. This popular support has provoked the Communist Party – an elite organization generally incapable of persuading the mass of people spontaneously to follow it – into pouring vitriolic abuse on fascism in all its forms. But this should not blind us to the fact that the actual aims of Soviet communism have coincided very closely with those of Hitler: control from above; a command structure throughout the economy, and throughout civil life; absorption of all institutions into those of the state; destruction by whatever means, however unscrupulous, of all opposition; the control of thought, feeling, hope, fear and ambition through propaganda.

The difference between the two is fairly summarized in their names: one calls itself national socialism, the other international. Hence the first has been a little more selective in its choice of enemy. It is vitally necessary for this kind of regime to create a myth of the "enemy". For national socialism the enemy consisted in those within the state who did not belong to – and who "therefore" secretly worked to destroy – the nation. For international socialism the enemy was a world-wide conspiracy, whose power-base was the "bourgeois" class: i.e. everyone from capitalist to kulak. In each case the enemy enjoyed the same fate.

It is, I believe, extremely confusing to apply the term fascism equally to national socialism and to the Mediterranean ideas of authoritative government espoused by Mussolini and Franco. Of course, there are common features, and common dangers. But these should not be allowed to obscure the very real differences.

The essential feature of Mussolini's fascism was the corporation. The entire economic activity of the state was to be organized into corporations, subordinate to the state and answerable to it.

These corporations would be composed of syndicates, representing the interests of workers, employers and professionals. Through the complex process of representation, all grievances would be removed, and conflicts resolved, within the corporation. Hence, if the syndicates – such as the trade unions, and the associations of managers – performed their function, no other form of representation would be necessary. Government could be carried on by a small elite of dedicated professionals. Unlike national socialism, fascism did not set out to destroy autonomous institutions, and attempted to reconcile its belief in a command economy with a measure of free association at every level of society.

All very naive, of course, but remarkably similar to the political philosophy of Mr Benn, and very different from anything that has been advocated or pursued by Mrs Thatcher. Unlike Mr Benn and the fascists, Mrs Thatcher has perceived that trade unions are not normally representative of the interests of their members, that representation cannot, in general, occur outside strong parliamentary institutions resistant to rapid constitutional change, and that the law exists precisely to curtail the power of corporations, so that the individual grievance may be heard, and the individual life find its purpose.

Fascism in Italy was doomed by the alliance with national socialism. In Spain a similar system of government escaped destruction, and provided one of the more flexible forms of authoritarian control. Although imposed by military force, it was able to evolve to the point where parliamentary democracy could be initiated, along with the constitutional monarchy that provides such valuable support to it. We should take comfort from the example. It shows that, if Mr Benn's philosophy ever does gain wide acceptance, we might yet recover from its imposition.

Bennite fascism therefore holds out a promise that neither national nor international socialism has been able to fulfil. If we have to choose between these three evils, then no doubt we should vote for Mr Benn. Far better, however, to remain with Mrs Thatcher.

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DISARMING SIGNALS

The various anti-nuclear demonstrations in Britain and other west European countries over the weekend, Mr Gromyko's press conference on Saturday and the responses from Mr Francis Pym and other Nato ministers have all contributed in their very different ways to the new war of nerves on disarmament that is being conducted between the Soviet Union and the West. The outcome will be critical for the Geneva negotiations. There will be agreement there only if both sides believe that the other is ultimately prepared to reach a settlement and if neither side believes that it can get what it wants without a settlement.

This means that the prospects for Mr Reagan's new initiative last week on intermediate range missiles will depend not simply on the merits of the proposal but also on the signals that accompany it. The signals that the West should be sending should all be indicating steadiness of purpose. It is necessary to convey a genuine readiness to negotiate: the United States would fail to impress both the Soviet Union and its European allies if it allowed its initiative to appear to be no more than another move in the propaganda war. But it is no less important to make it clear that American negotiators will not be pushed by tides of public sentiment from one position to another in the desperate search for any agreement. The more it is evident that if there is no agreement then the West can and will install the cruise and Pershing missiles, the better chance there will be of a settlement.

If this strategy is pursued the response to Mr Gromyko should be critical but calm. There was never the slightest chance that the Soviet leaders would respond to Mr Reagan's proposal for an interim arrangement, short of the zero option, with an immediate expression of delight. They intend to negotiate as toughly as the West should. What matters more than the particular criticisms expressed by Mr Gromyko is the readiness to take up Mr Reagan's suggestion that the Geneva negotiations should resume earlier than previously intended.

That is a favourable signal from Moscow. In return, most Nato spokesmen have sent back the right signal by not becoming too indignant over Mr Gromyko's rejection. To have reacted otherwise would not only have been to read too much into his remarks, but might also have given the impression that the West was quite ready to have an excuse for not negotiating seriously.

There was one comment of Mr Gromyko's, however, that the United States should take note of. That was his rebuke of Mr Reagan for using undiplomatic language when he referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire" in a speech last month to a group of American clergymen in Florida. It is not that it is improper or unfair to be beastly to the Soviet Union. It is rather that to be beastly in what have been widely judged to be extravagant terms shortly before launching a major disarmament initiative is poor tactics. To some people that suggests a lack of genuine interest in a settlement. To others it implies an attempt to compensate for the weakness of the West's negotiating position by rhetorical overkill.

There is no reason to believe that either of those impressions would be correct. Not for the first time, the President was probably simply letting himself go without thought of the wider audience. The West's negotiating position is not a weak one unless it is assumed that the strength of public opposition in Europe to the new missiles is such that the United States would not be able to site any of them in western Europe even if there was no agreement at Geneva. That is the impression that the anti-nuclear movements would wish to give.

They have managed to attract a good many people to their various demonstrations over the weekend. This confirms that there is still some strong popular feeling over the missiles. But is it popular feeling that is likely to be politically effective? For that to be so, the protests would have to weaken the resolve of governments, make it physically impossible for the missiles to be installed, or so arouse public opinion that it would become politically impossible for any democratically elected government to proceed.

There is no sign that the anti-nuclear movements would be able to achieve any of those purposes. In Britain there is still a majority opposed to having any cruise missiles here, but it is by no means impossible for the Government to win the battle for public opinion before the end of the year provided that it remembers that the people whom it needs principally to convince are those who are opposed to unilateral nuclear disarmament but who are none the less not persuaded of the need for cruise. The opinion polls show that there are a good many people who come into this category.

All governments in the west should also be fortified by the experience of Chancellor Kohl in winning reelection in Germany without weakening his position on disarmament. There is no reason for governments to be too scared of public opinion provided that it is made clear to the people of Europe, as it should be to the Soviet Union, that the United States is negotiating with every intention of reaching a reasonable settlement. For that the right signals have to be sent, keeping the temperature cool while the nerve remains steady.

THE CUTTING-OUT OF THE KEREN

As a feat of naval impudence, the singeing of Jim Slater's beard may rank beside Drake's singeing of the more extensive growth sported by King Philip of Spain, or with the exploits of Cornwallis or Keyes. Whether the dash and despatch shown in the seizure of the HMS Keren was wisely exercised in the minefields of maritime labour relations remains to be seen. The National Union of Seamen has put up a deafening barrage in reply to the assault, but seamen all over the world may be inclined to think twice about striking over an issue which has few direct implications elsewhere.

The merchant navy is still struggling with the worst recession in maritime trade for 50 years and the numbers of British ships and jobs at sea have declined sharply as a result. There are now well below 1,000 vessels trading under the red ensign, and the number of qualified seamen looking for work has risen to a record 3,500. The union showed in a successful strike two years ago that it could still bring heavy industrial pressure to bear on the owners, but its capacity to damage the national economy is much less than it used to be.

The case of HMS Keren is an exceptional one. She and her civilian crew were requisitioned for the Falklands campaign and then released to the North Sea ferry service again. But the Royal Navy has recently bought her for further use in the South Atlantic, and had entered negotiations for her to be under the management of the former owners, with the existing crew. During the war, the latter were paid at the rates they had received at home, with a bonus for war service. Rates for ordinary deepwater service are rather lower than for ferry service, and there is less time off.

Since the ship's new career was to last for the foreseeable future, without the special circumstances that existed during the fighting, the Navy wanted pay to be at the usual rate for such work. The union objected to the crew having to suffer a drop in pay.

For different work under a different owner, there was no reason why the crew should continue to recieve the same rates of pay. As owner, the Navy seems on the face of it to have had every right to make a change of plan when it proved difficult to reach agreement on the arrangement originally intended. The expense of sustaining the Falklands Islands in the long run is too high for there to be any case for incurring unnecessary costs.

But whatever the Navy's rights, the clandestine seizure of the ship risked stirring up feelings which are generally better left at rest. Trade union susceptibilities about the use of the armed forces to influence the outcome of a labour dispute or negotiation are long-standing and understandable. It may become necessary in some circumstances, to preserve essential service or public order, but it is prudent to resort to it only when the need is urgent. The negotiations between the Blue Star Line and the unions have been conducted too much out of the public eye for it to be possible to judge whether the union was being deliberately obstructive, or merely seeking to reach the best terms realistically obtainable. It is claimed that a shortage of ships has meant soldiers having to stay in the Falklands beyond their term. Clearly it is operationally desirable to have efficient arrangements to bring troops home on leave. The Navy was reclaiming its own property, and there must be an overriding national interest in the armed forces not being denied possession of their property by an industrial dispute. But the goodwill of the merchant navy, which was so important in the Falklands campaign, is not something to be jeopardized without good reason.

ACCOUNTANTS AS GAMEKEEPERS

Today the corporate state acquires a new limb. Working life begins for the Audit Commission, a posthumous addition to the list of quasi-autonomous government bodies from Mr Michael Heseltine in his former capacity as Secretary of State for the Environment. The commission is one of a family of devices for squeezing the £25,000 million-a-year cost of local government.

First a complex and much-maligned reform of the rate support grant was, in theory, to open up council spending to better-informed public view. Then Mr Heseltine promoted the involvement in municipal affairs of local business and chambers of commerce, armed with new estimates of council costs. Lastly the 1982 Local Government Finance Act produced the commission, which is supposed to introduce both the personnel and methods of private sector accountancy into the audit of councils' books. The original, and admirable, intention was that of revealing to electors the arcana of town hall finance in order to make the machine of local democracy work more decisively. In practice central government has been paying nit-picking attention to the details of local administration in a way that might eventually subvert choices made through the local ballot box.

The commission is neither Whitehall fish nor municipal fowl; its members, who include several prominent councillors, are government appointees and its auditors' code of practice has to be approved by Parliament. This administrative untidiness is probably necessary, for the commission is to operate in the border territory between central and local government where the boundary is shifting and the ground is subject to grand rhetorical claims. The result is that the commission's charter is a compromise between the good, Millite principle that a central authority is necessary to transfer from one local authority to another the "best practice" and the worrying, modern belief that the , fiduciary relationship between a council and its electors needs the constant supervision of a roving band of chartered accountants.

The commission absorbs the District Audit Service, and inherits a mixed legacy. Over the years this corps of civil service accountants built up a reputation as a check on municipal corruption. More recently, however, they seemed unable to come to grips with the growth inside local government of a class of councillors themselves professionally involved in the public service, the breakdown of management disciplines, and the inefficiencies built in during that sustained period of growth in staff and outlays between the early 1960s and the late 1970s. Public trust in local government has suffered as a result.

The commissioners must decide whether they will answer to a Secretary of State and his need for political prestige or whether they will address this deeper sense of a collapse in municipal consensus. The latter is more difficult. For it involves accountants in a task for which they are professionally unqualified: distinguishing the "waste" or "lack of cost effectiveness" that stems directly from the legitimate political decisions of councillors. There is a line between unnecessary expenditure which results from management failures and councils' conscious use of their discretionary powers. The commission will establish itself only when it musters the courage to tell itself, central government and the public that such a line can rightly be drawn in unpopular places.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

West and Russia in arms balance

From Professor Michael Pentz and others

Sir, We write to welcome your editorial recognition (March 25) that in the present stage of the East-West confrontation, Western security depends on *increasing* rather than reducing security on the Soviet side.

It has too long been regarded as axiomatic that we are somehow safer if we keep the Russians guessing about Western capabilities and intentions. In present circumstances, when the greatest danger of nuclear war is perhaps that it might result from an accident or miscalculation, uncertainty is a major cause of insecurity.

In this context we regard President Reagan's plan to develop "super-weapons" to destroy missiles in space as being not only technically unworkable but also politically destabilizing in the extreme. To the extent that they are believed to be capable of functioning they will be a menace to our security. We fear, also, that their development will make it harder, if not impossible, to reach any agreement on arms control or reduction. It will increase the risks of any future confrontation.

We believe the President has embarked upon this dangerous path in the hope of securing some short-term political gains within the United States. May we express the hope that his Nato allies will try to convince him that he has much more to lose in terms of European confidence?

Yours sincerely,
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March 26.

Liberty of subject and Police Bill

From Mr Geoffrey Bindman

Sir, The Chairman of the Magistrates' Association (March 30) seeks to reassure us that the new powers in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill to detain suspects for up to 96 hours without charge will be exercised benignly and that the vast majority of suspects will still be charged or released within 24 hours.

At present it is the right of all those arrested to be charged or released without delay (see, for example, the remarks of the present Master of the Rolls in *R v Holmes, ex p. Sherman and another* ([1981] 2 All E.R. 612).

The Bill will remove this right, substituting discretion in the police and the magistrates to free us in less than 96 hours if they so choose. At our peril we surrender our liberties in exchange for the benevolence of authority.

Yours faithfully,
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From his Honour Judge David B. Williams, QC

Sir, The objection which Professor Smith so rightly raises in *The Times* today (March 30) to clause 54 of the Criminal Evidence Bill is neatly expressed in what, I believe, is known in the computer trade as "Gallois' Revelation" – viz, that "if you put nonsense into a computer you will get naught but nonsense out; but such nonsense, because it has passed through an expensive piece of equipment, will somehow be ennobled thereby, and no one will gainsay it".

If clause 54 becomes law, the remedy must lie with the judges, who have a discretion to exclude any evidence the prejudicial effect of which outweighs its probative value. Consideration of its probative value must include consideration of the reliability of its original source. Hence judges will have to enquire into the source of the original information. If this is not satisfactory, or if the data necessary to form a judgment is not available, such evidence would have to be excluded even though prima facie admissible under clause 54.

Yours faithfully,
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March 30.

From Mr Peter Large

Sir, If the police are going to enjoy access to files on people compiled by medical practitioners, social workers, schoolteachers and the like, will those on whom the files are kept, or their parents or guardians, be allowed access to them to ensure that their contents are correct?

Will not individual rights be measurably diminished if the former is allowed while the latter is denied?

Yours sincerely,
PETER LARGE,
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Causes of famine in Ethiopia

From the President of Magdalen College, Oxford

Sir, The Ethiopian Government cannot be blamed for the weather and its efforts to relieve suffering caused by the partial failure of the winter rains deserve support. In formulating policy for the future, however, the government should be encouraged radically to alter its investment programme, switching priorities from capital intensive industry to the peasant agricultural sector, where 85 per cent of the labour force is employed.

Since the revolution of 1974 the production of food has increased less than half as fast as the population. The shortage of domestic supplies has been made up partly by eating less and partly by importing more: food imports have risen by more than 22 per cent a year over the period.

Clearly none of these tendencies could continue indefinitely and it has taken only a relatively mild drought to expose the fragility of the country's economy.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH GRIFFIN, President,
Magdalen College, Oxford.
March 28.

From Mr Jon Bennett

Sir, Mr Witherington (March 28) holds that the Ethiopian Government cannot be held responsible for the climatic conditions leading to the worst drought since 1970-73. He neglects to mention, however, that in Tigray Province, the worst hit area, government troops are presently engaged in heavy air and ground attacks on the civilian population in western Tigray whilst at the same time launching an international appeal for more than a million drought victims in the same region. Already more than 50,000 people have been forced to evacuate their homes as a direct result of this offensive, which has had little mention in the western media.

I do not make such allegations lightly. Having spent three months in Tigray recently, guided by the Relief Society of Tigray, the only organization with access to the majority of drought/war victims in the province, I can certainly vouch for the devastating human costs of deliberate "scorched earth" incursions of recent years, where the already meagre crops of poor peasants have been flattened by the Soviet-supplied tanks of an army intent upon rooting out the so-called "bandits" of the Tigray People's Liberation Front.

I would not wish to denigrate any useful work which Save the Children Fund and other non-government organizations are doing in Wollo and adjoining provinces. Nonetheless, a great deal more attention should be paid by governments and agencies alike to the available channels in Sudan for reaching those drought victims inaccessible to the Ethiopian authorities.

Finally, we should ask why it is that a government which spends billions of dollars a year on fighting its internal wars – undoubtedly in lieu of an acceptable political solution – should now be compounding its duplicity by requesting relief funds from the West.

Yours faithfully,
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March 29.

Post-coital pill

From Mr J. M. Finnis

Sir, Your Social Services Correspondent today (March 21) reports a legal opinion that "post-coital birth control will be lawful, and judged by the courts as contraception rather than abortion, up to the maximum period of implantation". The author of the opinion is said to believe that a "fertilized egg" is not a child before implantation but becomes a child upon implantation.

Such a belief would be as foreign to common speech as to science or reason. But it is not more strange than his reported belief that a woman carrying an unimplanted embryo does not have "carriage" and cannot miscarry (even after an ectopic pregnancy?). Or than his belief that there can be contraception after conception (a belief made the more absurd by the test-tube baby practitioners' own descriptions of "human conception *in vitro*").

The law on these matters was truthfully expressed by Glanville Williams in 1958: ". . . English law . . . regard[s] any interference with pregnancy, however early it may take place, as criminal, unless for therapeutic reasons. The foetus is a human life to be protected by the criminal law from the moment when the ovum is fertilized".

By 1978, Professor Williams was saying that there is "no reason" why the courts should not adopt the legal opinion now reported by your Social Services Correspondent (an opinion which all agree finds no support in the Abortion Act 1967). But he left his startling change of view unrecorded and unexplained, remarking simply that "no one who uses or fits IUDs (intra-uterine devices) supposes that they are illegal". Neither he nor anyone else has given any *reason* to doubt that his earlier statement accurately expressed both the law and the law's solid rationale. There is in fact very substantial legal and medico-legal authority for his earlier view, with which even the Lane committee report in 1974 agreed. To set against that weight of authority and reason there is nothing save some very recent practice, based on convenience and untutored "suppositions" of (and/or indifference to) legality.

If the law is to be changed to deprive the human being of just protection during its first two weeks of life, let the change be shamelessly enacted, not insinuated by falsifying legal history and our common language.

Yours faithfully,
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March 21.

Probation rewards

From Miss Audrey G. Hallam

Sir, I should like to put Peter Evans's article, "Probation at £87 a week" (March 28), into context. The impression given is that offenders are offered paid employment almost as a reward for committing offences in the first place, and this is certainly not so.

My quote, "employment is the best therapy we have ever had," is accurate but this therapy is only used when clients demonstrate that they have started on the quite difficult venture of living within society without committing crimes. Our employment schemes also provide supervisory posts for unemployed people who have never been involved in crime.

The lucky offenders who get a place on our employment schemes are those who have stopped offending. Many of them have demonstrated this by doing voluntary work or, in the case of "Steve" quoted in the article, by educating and preparing themselves for rehabilitation.

The published photograph showed a supervisor with a former offender but only the supervisor is paid. The models shown are made voluntarily by the residents in a probation hostel and will be sold to raise funds for suitable charities.

Other supervisors take parties of offenders out working voluntarily for disadvantaged members of the community. The offenders are not even paid expenses but they willingly tend hundreds of gardens in the area and do many small, kindly deeds, resulting in a file of "thank-you" letters from the recipients.

In 1982 the service supervised 5,664 offenders; 164 of them were offered employment under the Manpower Services Commission's scheme. Each job was of specific benefit to the community, was approved by the relevant trade union, and would not otherwise have been carried out.

Yours faithfully,
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Lesson of the 1930s

From Dr Forrest Capie

Sir, It is surely Mr Stewart (March 22) who has his facts wrong. Apart from several errors of detail, the import of his letter is that certain policies, notably protection and devaluation, affected recovery.

Three principal policies were pursued in the early thirties: trade protection, exchange-rate management and easy monetary conditions. The first two had little to do with recovery. The third was not so much a policy as a set of circumstances accepted and promoted by government.

A nominal tariff of 10 per cent *ad valorem* was initially imposed in 1932 and soon raised to 20 per cent. However, when effective rates of protection are calculated for British industry for the period, the interesting result that emerges is that the two sectors usually credited with having made the essential contribution to recovery (iron and steel, and construction) are found to have been disadvantaged by the tariff. Construction was undoubtedly important, but protection actually held its contribution back.

Devaluation in 1931 was followed by exchange-rate management through the exchange equalisation account in 1932. But most of Britain's trading partners (almost all the Empire and many others – 32 in total) realigned their currencies with sterling in 1931 or 1932. And calculations of the effective exchange rate support the view that there could have been little gain from this movement in sterling. "Cheap money" is the most interesting possibility.

Real rates of interest were close to zero in 1932-33, and together with changes in financial institutions they certainly played an important part. But here again recent research suggests that low rates were not a result of policy but rather the product of recession. The conclusion must be that policy did little to effect recovery.

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Political extravagance

From Mr Edward Liddell

Sir, The Prime Minister's warning about the extravagance of Labour and Alliance election promises (report, March 28) should be heard alongside the austerity measures that the French Socialist Government is being forced to take after only two years of similar but less ambitious policies.

In the case of Labour these policies will be coupled to a return to rule by permission of the trades unions.

The outcome would be horrific.

Yours faithfully,
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Fine arts courses

From Mr Anthony Caro

Sir, The withdrawal of validation by the Council for National Academic Awards of the sculpture course at St Martin's School of Art is liable to have far-reaching consequences in art education.

For over a quarter of a century St Martin's sculpture under Frank Martin followed a fiercely independent line, always to the disapproval and often downright hostility of art authority both outside and within the school. Despite its international recognition for years as a centre for new sculpture and for new sculptural thinking, it was never approved of, or accorded more than reluctant acceptence (witness its failure to gain postgraduate status).

In the last three years, under Tim Scott, St Martin's sculpture course changed radically, and in a direction with which I am not in sympathy, but it nevertheless continued to offer a positive alternative to the many less rigorous and easygoing courses in sculpture available to students.

The axing at St Martin's follows close on the recent threatened removal of Winchester School of Arts with its strong painting course. Such actions will soon leave the student without the choice of any fine-art departments with focus, and will edge art teachers towards compromise and worldy wisdom. "Art made tongue-tied by authority" augurs ill for future art in Britain.

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Male midwives

From Mrs Molly Townsend

Sir, William Cobbett would have none of them. Speaking of the growing practice, in the early nineteenth century, of employing male accoucheurs, he wrote:

> But who can perform this office like women, who have for these occasions a language and sentiments which seem to have been invented for the purpose? And be they what they may as to general demeanour and character, they have all, upon these occasions, one common feeling, and that so amiable, so excellent, as to admit of no adequate description. These, we may be well assured, are the proper attendants on these occasions.

Yours faithfully,
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Sheet,
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March 29.

From Mr E. J. Gollop

Sir, Delivery boys?

Yours faithfully,
E. J. GOLLOP,
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Devon.
March 22.

From Mr George MacDonald Ross

Sir, In another of the older professions, we have never had any qualms about referring to Socrates as a midwife.

Yours faithfully,
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March 28.

Citizens of Europe

From Mr Brian McCluskey

Sir, It is curious, and saddening, to see *The Times* devoting a leader (March 17) to supporting the continuation of a manifest injustice, the failure of the British Government to enfranchise those of its citizens living in other member states of the European Community in time for the European Parliament elections in May of next year, for example by supporting Lord Bethell's Bill in the House of Lords.

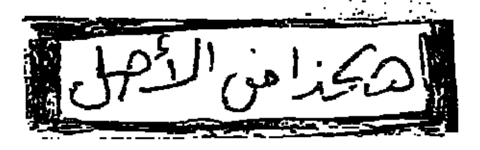
The Times argues, unexceptionably, that it would be simpler and more in line with the spirit of the treaties if European citizens could vote *as such*, i.e., wherever they reside in the Community. The fact is, however, that many of the member states of the Community attach more importance to the principle of nationality than to that of residence (and not only in electoral matters – students of private international law know that this is a fundamental difficulty in respect of disposition of personal property, civil status, e.g., marriage, divorce and adoption, and wills) and that they see no reason why they should be obliged to accord the right to vote to foreigners resident in their territory.

This is particularly true of countries such as Luxembourg, where the number of foreigners is so high that if they were all allowed to vote here they would greatly distort the traditional voting patterns. Certainly the ideal must remain that of a Community-based voting right: in the meantime, however, the European Parliament, far from choosing the wrong alternative, showed political realism in opting – for the time being – for the solution which leaves the responsibility for the disfranchised citizens where it rightly belongs – with their own governments.

However, finally, on March 15, two days before the *Times* leader was published, the Council of Ministers decided at its last meeting on this subject that it could not reach a common position. The British Government can no longer argue that it is waiting for a Council decision and must now accept its responsibility towards its own citizens, left disfranchised in other countries of the Community, and virtually alone in this situation, since most of the other member states have taken steps to enfranchise their citizens abroad.

Perhaps it will be possible at some future date to reach agreement on a Community-based franchise, which will allow Community citizens to vote wherever they reside. This must remain the objective. In the meantime, the scandal of the lack of voting rights for British citizens in the Community must be removed – and not by the Luxembourg, Belgian or Greek governments, but by her Majesty's Government in London.

Yours faithfully,
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COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Anne, patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Border Group, near Jedburgh, on June 29.

The Queen will give a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse on June 29.

The Queen will review The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) to mark their 350th anniversary, in Holyrood Park on June 30 and lunch with the regiment.

The Queen will visit the High Constables at Abbey Court on June 30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Canadian Regiment, will carry out engagements marking the regiment's centenary in London (Ontario) and Ottawa, Canada, from June 30 to July 5.

Princess Alexandra will open the West of England Antiques Fair at the Assembly Rooms in Bath on May 10.

Princess Alexandra will be present at a gala performance of *South Pacific*, given by the amateur theatre company, The Islanders, in aid of Help a London Child and the Mental Health Foundation, of which she is patron, at the Logan Hall, London University, on May 24.

Princess Alexandra will be present at a festival service on May 26 at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, being held to celebrate the tercentenary of the restoration of the church by Sir Christopher Wren, and afterwards will attend a reception at Grocers' Hall.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, will attend the premiere of *Educating Rita* at the Leicester Square Theatre on May 3.

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the 1983 Design Council awards at the St David's Centre, Cardiff, on May 9.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, will attend the Younger Brethren's dinner at Trinity House on May 9.

The Prince of Wales will attend the formal dedication ceremony of the Maureen Production Platform at Kishorn, Wester Ross on May 12.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Gloucestershire Adventure Playground for the Handicapped, Seven Springs, Cheltenham, and Paradise House, a training college for young people in need of special care, at Painswick, Stroud on May 13.

The Princess of Wales will open a bridge over the River Tyne and open a Findus food factory at Longbenton, Tyne and Wear on May 18.

The Princess of Wales will open Preston Hospital and visit the Joseph Arnold and Company's factory at Accrington, Lancashire on June 1.

Princess Anne will be entertained at luncheon by King's College Medical School on June 14 and open the Chest Unit extension at the school at Denmark Hill, south London.

The Duke Of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, will attend the annual court and luncheon at Trinity House on May 10.

The Prince of Wales, president Royal Naval Film Corporation, will attend the annual meeting on board HMS President, King's Reach, on May 20.

The Prince of Wales, president, the Royal College of Music Centenary Appeal, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend a concert to celebrate the centenary of the granting of its royal charter, at the Albert Hall on May 23.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend a dinner, in aid of Live Music Now, at Apsley House on May 24.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend the King Edward IV quincentenary concert in St George's Chapel, Windsor on May 28.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will open the extension to the Computer Centre in Guildford Street on June 14.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Dudley Anderson, 56; Miss Bette Davis, 75; Miss Verona Elder, 29; Mr J. Gilbert, MP, 56; Mr Gontran Goulden, 71; Mr Arthur Hailey, 63; Sir Douglas Henley, 64; Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Irving, 73; Mr John Le Mesurier, 71; The Hon Dame Olivia Mulholland, 81; Dr Cecil Northcott, 81; Mr Gregory Peck, 67; Miss Jennifer Penney, 37; Mr W.R. Hornby Steer, 84; Mr Herbert von Karajan, 75; Vice-Admiral Sir Dymock Watson, 79.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. H. Bridge and Miss H. A. Henley

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr E. H. Bridge and of Mrs Bridge, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and Harriet, daughter of Colonel and Mrs M. G. H. Henley, of Seagry, Wiltshire.

Mr D. O. Cannon and Miss S. M. Kennedy

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs E. O. Cannon, of Hinchley Wood, Surrey and Shân, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. P. L. Kennedy, of Horsham, Sussex.

Mr R. K. Fairfield and Miss C. G. Parfitt

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs P. L. Fairfield, of Hawkchurch, Devon, and Gaynor, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Parfitt, of Hawkhurst, Kent.

Mr A. Gabb and Miss A. Wynter Bee

The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. M. Gabb, of Bickington, Devon, and Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Wynter Bee of West End, Surrey.

Mr J. D. Gale and Miss D. W. Forwood

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William J. Gale, of Spinneycroft, Givons Grove, Leatherhead, and Diana, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Harry Forwood, of Studland, Cobham, Surrey.

Mr N. Hammond and Miss E. J. Kohn

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs J. Hammond, of Hill House, Castle Coombe, Wiltshire, and Elizabeth Jane, only daughter of the late Dr E. Kohn and Mrs Sheila Kohn, of Kingston, Lewes, Sussex.

Mr R. L. Langley and Miss R. C. Boundy

The engagement is announced between Robert Lennox, son of Mrs O. P. Langley, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Rosalind Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Boundy, of New Herrington, Tyne and Wear.

Mr A. M. Meikle and Miss F. P. Battey

The engagement is announced between Andrew McEawn, only son of Mr and Mrs W. Meikle, of Frenchay, Bristol, and Frances Patricia, elder daughter of Major and Mrs W. C. A. Battey, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Mr R. A. C. Montgomery and Miss L. A. H. Bird

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Montgomery, of Thorne Farm, Ramsgate, Kent, and Lucy, only daughter of Dr and Mrs H. C. H. Bird, of Heath House, Linton, Kent.

Mr R. F. Pelly and Mlle M. C. R. Bouteille

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Pelly, of Victoria House, Fulbourn, Cambridge, and Michelle, younger daughter of Dr and Mme Henri Bouteille, of St Etienne, France.

Mr H. M. A. Richardson and Miss L. E. Clark-Kennedy

The engagement is announced between Howard, younger son of the late Major C. A. Richardson, TD, and stepson of Mrs S. M. Richardson, of Banstead, Surrey, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. C. Clark-Kennedy, of Great Abington, Cambridge.

Mr A. J. R. Thompson and Miss J. E. Bland

The engagement is announced between Tony, only son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Thompson, of Dorney, Buckinghamshire, and Judy, eldest daughter of Mr J. P. R. Bland and the late Mrs Bland, of Cressage, Shropshire.

Marriages

Mr F. R. P. Curzon and Miss E. H. Stuart

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 26 in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, between Mr Frederick Curzon and Miss Elizabeth Stuart.

Mr A. Karaolis and Miss M. H. Pallicaros

The marriage took place on Sunday, April 3, at the Greek Church of the Holy Cross, Golders Green, of Mr Andreas Karaolis, eldest son of the late Mr C. Karaolis and Mrs C. Karaolis, of Morphou, Cyprus, and Miss Mary Helen Pallicaros, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. G. Pallicaros, of Finchley. A reception was held at the Connaught Banqueting Rooms.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, meeting young pilgrims from Kent yesterday in the Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft, Canterbury Cathedral. Dr Runcie leaves Britain today for a tour of the Pacific and New Zealand. (Photograph: John Manning).

University news

London

Appointments

Dr R. E. Clements, PhD, DLitt, DD, lecturer at Cambridge University, to the Samuel Davidson chair of Old Testament studies at King's College from October 1.

Professor R. MacL. Farr, PhD, professor of psychology at Glasgow University, to the chair of social psychology at the London School of Economics from October 1.

Mr J. Peto, MSc, research scientist in the Imperial Cancer Research Fund cancer epidemiology and clinical trials unit at Oxford University, to the Cancer Research Campaign chair of epidemiology at the Institute of Cancer Research.

Professor Katharine J. Worth, PhD, professor of drama and theatre studies at Royal Holloway College, to the chair of drama and theatre studies at that college from February 1, 1983.

Conferment of titles.

The title of professor of child health on Dr D. Barltrop, MD, of Westminster Medical School.

The title of professor of cardiology on Dr P. A. Poole-Wilson, MD, of Institute of Cardiology.

The title of professor of zoology on Dr J. A. Wallwork, PhD, DSc, of Westfield College.

The title of reader in medical virology on Mr J. C. Coleman, BSc, MB, BS, of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in general practice on Mr P. Freeling, MB, BS, of St George's Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in child health and growth on Dr M.A. Preece, MB, BS, MD, MSc, of the Institute of Child Health.

The title of reader in psychiatry on Dr Rachel Rosser, MB, BChir, PhD, of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

The title of reader in physiological mechanics on Dr R.C. Schroter, BSc, PhD, of Imperial College of Science and Technology.

The title of reader in community dental health on Dr A. Sheiham, BDS, PhD, of London Hospital Medical College.

Exeter

Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following on July 14 and 15:

DLitt: Profesor F. J. Fisher, Professor of economic history, London School of Economics 1954-1975; Mr John Fowles, the author.

LLD: Mr Hugh Greenwood, businessman, of Liverpool; Mr Justice Warner, High Court judge.

DSc: Professor B.D. Josephson, FRS, professor of physics at Cambridge University.

Kent

The title and status of professor of economic and social history has been conferred on Dr W. A. Armstrong, reader in social and demographic history, from April 1.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs W. K. Kellett, of Toronto, Canada, was christened Jonathan Anthony by the Rev John Bellam at Gressenhall Church, Norfolk on Easter Sunday. Miss Jane Roberson sang two solos and Mrs R. Roberson was the organist. The godparents are Mr Ian Kellett, Mr St John Kellett-Bowman and Mrs J. C. Kellett.

Archaeology

Antiquity's dogs of war

The Carians have been called the Gurkhas of antiquity. In modern times they are little known, but their contemporaries admired their valour and in some cases hired them as mercenaries. Herodotus records how, during the Ionian revolt in 494BC, the might of the Persian empire was turned against their homeland, the remote and thickly-wooded valleys of south-west Turkey. Twice the inhabitants were heavily defeated, but they regrouped and finally annihilated the invader.

Herodotus may not have been impartial; he came from Halicarnassus, a Greek city on the Carian coast, and at least some of his relatives seem to have been Carians. Distinguished figures in Greek history, such as Thales and Themistocles, may also have been partly Carian; and the Carians themselves, without any help from the Greeks, produced Mausolus, the remarkable fourth-century ruler of Halicarnassus, whose reign is tantamount to a one-man preview of the Hellenistic era, and who was buried in one of the wonders of the world, the Mausoleum.

Scylax of Caryanda, a seafarer, was employed by Darius the Great to explore the Indus and to circumnavigate Arabia. The Carians sold their skills as the best fighting men available, and thrived on campaigns. There is a possible reference to them in the Old Testament, at the court of King Jehoiada, and they are also found in Babylonia and in the heartland of Persia. But their second home was really Egypt, and their employer was Pharaoh.

The Carians arrived in Egypt soon after 664BC at the request of the ambitious new ruler Psammetichus I. Here they were used as much to overawe the native population as to guard the frontiers against invaders, and the Carians, with their associates the Ionian Greeks, saw action in the great Nubian campaign of 593BC.

On their return from this expedition, they paused by the colossi of Abu Simbel, already seven centuries old, and one of them carved a graffito in his own language on the leg of one of the statues; that inscription was recognized by Lepsius in 1844 and was the first Carian text to be published. The problem of how to read this enigmatic, half-Greek script has puzzled scholars ever since.

By the mid-1950s there were more Carian inscriptions know from Egypt than from the motherland itself. They were collated by two Frenchmen, Oliver Masson and Jean Yoyotte. Some were carved on stelae, presumably gravestones, some on personal belongings, and others on bronze ex-votos dedicated in Egyptian temples.

In the late 1960s the Egypt Exploration Society (a century old this year) discovered in the sacred animal necropolis at Saqqara a magnificent series of Carian sterae, the finest of which, showing a man and a woman in east-Greek style, is now in the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. The new stelae and inscriptions were excellently published by Masson.

It was now possible to read the script on a comparison with the Greek syllabary, but the results were bizarre. Similar attempts followed, and Masson was moved to abandon them and substitute numbers for most of the signs.

Other "decipherments" took advantage of the fact that several Carian inscriptions also had a text in hieroglyphs accompanying them. These attmpts however, regularly led to the same sign being given more than one value, or resulted in bathetic translations in specially invented dialects of Greek. The entertainment value of these was often higher than their plausiblity.

I therefore decided to reexamine the "bilingual" texts from Egypt, which fell into two types (see the Journal of Egyptian Archaeology, vol 68, p18, 1982). In the first category were texts where Carians called themselves by pure Egyptian names. That was regularly done by foreigners in ancient Egypt; even Joseph was given a new name by a grateful Pharaoh (Gen 41.45). Since names of this type were not likely to appear in the Carian texts, they could be eliminated.

The second class was more promising, in this the Egyptian inscription contained uncouth names which were likely to be Carian, and which had every chance of appearing in the corresponding Carian texts. Since several of those names contained the same letters, it was possible to test whether signs recurred at the correct points in the Carian. By that means about 20 letters were given firm values, aften markedly different from those in the Greek alphabet.

The second method was to identify variations in spelling, to discover whether signs could be grouped into "families". Thus it early become obvious that one sign, number 32, regularly alternated with the vowel "u", and another, number 38, was a form of "e". A third method was then applied, that of comparing the newly-deciphered names with Carian ones known from Greek inscriptions, in order to isolate unknown letters.

The "breakthrough" occurred when a conbination of all three methods produced the name Yssoldos, one of the most typical Carian names, and also the Egyptian name Psammetichus, which had understandably been taken by Carian mercenaries employed by the royal house. Grammatical elements also began to appear, which could be parallelled in in Lycian and Lydian, the neighbouring languages; Herodotus himself described the Carians as essentially a brother-race of the Lydians.

A new decipherment is always exciting, the more so because it forces us to ask wider questions. It reminds us that Egypt was the greatest lure for foreigners in the ancient world, and that archaeological work done in that coutnry can frequently shed light on other civilizations.

It encourages us to think of the two surviving mystery-languages of the Mediterranean: Cretan Linear A and Etruscan. There are similarities between the latter and Lydian which have never been explained, and, although Linear A is undeciphered, we can guess something of the phonetics from their effect on Linear B differentiates between "d" and "t", but not between "r" amd "l", whereas the related syllabary later used in Cyprus makes the opposite distinction.

One explanation of that could be that the original Cretan language contained a sound "ld", and that sound is one of the most obvious characteristics of Carian.

Perhaps we are dealing with a common family of languages to which the decipherment of Carian provides the key.

John Ray

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OBITUARY

GLORIA SWANSON

Star of silent and talking films



Gloria Swanson, one of the American cinema's greatest and most durable stars, died yesterday in New York.

She made her name in the silent era and her career was virtually over by the early 1930s, but it is a measure of her personality that she remained a household name to the end of her life. She was the epitome of glamour, but also possessed a sharp intelligence, which she brought both to her acting and to a number of successful business ventures.

Small, dark and vital, she graduated from comedienne to vamp and dramatic actress, and she lived as extravagantly off screen as he was often depicted on it. Her many romantic attachments were also part of the legend. She married (and divorced) six times and her return to Hollywood from Paris in 1925, with her third husband, the Marquis de la Falaise, was marked by extraordinary scenes of public enthusiasm.

She was born in Chicago and gave her birth date as March 27, 1899, though other sources suggest that she was a year or two older. She was brought up in Florida but returned to her home town to try her luck in films at the Essanay studios. She was tested by Chaplin for the picture *His New Job*, but was rejected (she was to do a brilliant impersonation of him much later in *Sunset Boulevard*) and her career did not take off until she moved to Hollywood in 1915.

She started with slapstick comedies for Mack Sennett, went on to make a series of marital dramas for Triangle, and in 1919 moved to Cecil B. De Mille's unit at Paramount. The six films they made together helped to put Swanson at the top of her profession. The series started with *Don't Change Your Husband* and included *For Better, For Worse* and *Male and Female*, which was based on Barrie's *The Admirable Crichton*. They were social melodramas, daring for their time in their suggestion of sin, and they invariably gave Swanson the chance to show off gorgeous clothes and expensive jewelry.

Though her success had already won her almost complete freedom of choice to make the films she wanted, she left Paramount in 1926 to set up her own company (it was backed by Joseph Kennedy, father of the future President). The enterprise nearly sank with only its second project, *Queen Kelly*, directed by Erich von Stroheim, which went so far over budget that shooting was abandoned one-third of the way through. But Swanson scored a triumph as the prostitute in *Sadie Thompson*, from Somerset Maugham's *Rain*, and in her first sound film, *The Trespasser*, in which she revealed a hitherto unsuspected talent for singing.

From then on, however, her career went into a rapid eclipse. She made a succession of poor comedies, including *A Perfect Understanding* with the young Laurence Olivier, projects were announced and abandoned, there were disputes with studios and after the failure of *Music in the Air* in 1934 she disappeared from the screen. Her first come-back, with *Father Takes A Wife*, proved abortive; a comedy made in 1941 with Adolph Menjou, it had little impact and she returned to obscurity for another nine years.

But her next come-back involved what was arguably her best film and her best performance. *Sunset Boulevard*, directed by Billy Wilder, was a caustic look back at Hollywood in the silent days with Swanson playing a faded star with superb flamboyance. Though the film was in no sense autobiographical, it contained footage from *Queen Kelly* and appearances by De Mille and von Stroheim. The Swanson character spoke a defiant epitaph when she exclaimed, "I'm still big. It's the pictures that got small".

Sunset Boulevard restored Swanson's standing to such an extent that she was able to bask in its glow forever after. Certainly, the rest of her career was an anti-climax. She was in a couple of forgettable pictures in the early 1950s and 20 years later turned up playing herself in the disaster movie, *Airport 75*. She also made a couple of films for television and appeared on the Broadway stage in a play, *Butterflies Are Free*.

All this was minor stuff, yet the public refused to see her as anything but the star she undoubtedly was. She became a favourite subject for television chat shows, reminiscing about her colourful career and extolling the virtues of the health foods to which she attributed her longevity. Her autobiography, *Swanson on Swanson*, published in 1981, is well above the general standard of film star memoirs.

GEN SIR NOEL THOMAS

General Sir Noel Thomas, KCB, DSO, MC, who died on March 16, was a distinguished Royal Engineer, who was Master-General of the Ordnance from 1971 to 1974. For several years after his retirement from the Army he was vice-chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. He was 68.

John Noel Thomas, was born on February 28, 1915 the son of J. E. Thomas, and educated at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne and Liverpool University. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1936, and distinguished himself during the Second World War as a "fighting sapper." He was awarded the DSO and MC and was CRE of the Guards Armoured Division in North West Europe.

After the war, he served with distinction both on the staff and at regimental duty. He was promoted major-general in 1963 and appointed GOC, North West District. This brought him into close contact with his old university, which gave him particular pleasure. In 1965 he was appointed honorary colonel of the Liverpool University contingent OTC. On promotion to lieutenant-general in 1968, he became Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Operational requirements), and he was a natural selection for MGO (Master General of Ordnance) in 1971, when he was promoted general. He retired in 1974.

Thomas had a modest and unassuming personality, but a fertile imagination and a first-class brain. He was deservedly popular, and was undoubtedly one of the outstanding sappers of his generation. He was a man of considerable intellectual ability and an accomplished yachtsman.

He married in 1946, Jill, daughter of E. G. C. Quilter, and they had two sons. He was a Colonel-Commandant of both the Royal Engineers and Royal Pioneer Corps and was made an honorary DEng by his old university in 1972.

PÂL KADOSA

Pál Kadosa, the Hungarian composer and pianist, who was also an influential music teacher, died in Budapest on March 30 at the age of 79.

Kadosa was originally a pupil of Kodály at the Budapest Academy of Music. He played an important part in introducing "new music" to Hungary; in 1928 he was a joint founder of the Society of Modern Hungarian Musicians, which later united with the Hungarian Association for New Music, the Hungarian section of the International Society for Contemporary Music.

After the Second World War he emerged as a leading figure in the country's music, and composed simpler pieces which fitted the mood required by the era of the personality cult – the cantatas *The Oath of Stalin* and *Soldiers of Peace*, for instance. But he later returned to his natural complexity, the use of free 12-note elements, and individual but eloquent musical language which brought about the culmination of his work, beginning with the Fourth Symphony.

Kadosa was a prolific composer who, besides setting to music numerous poems, adapting folk-songs, composing incidental music, and writing an opera (*The Adventure at Huszt*, 1951), wrote eight symphonies, four piano and two violin concertos. He was a virtuoso master of technicalities who often succeeded in bridling a romantic temperament. In his old age his music showed signs of ascetic restraint and a strict handling of tonal effects.

He received many prizes and distinctions. In 1945 he was appointed professor of piano at the Budapest Academy, and in 1953 he became President of the Association for the Protection of Artists' Copyright, Artisjus. He was an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Music, London.

JIMMY BLOOMFIELD

Jimmy Bloomfield, who was manager of Orient and Leicester City football clubs, and had earlier in his life played twice for the England under-23 team, has died in London at the age of 49. He had made over 500 League and Cup appearances in 16 years, and had represented the Football League.

Bloomfield began his career with Hayes, and played successively for Brentford, Arsenal, Birmingham City, Brentford again, West Ham and Plymouth. He became Orient's player manager, switched to Leicester City, and then returned to Orient.

Law Report April 5, 1983 **Divisional Court**

Tachograph not fitted to baker's van

Oxford v Thomas Scott & Sons Bakery Ltd

Before Lord Justice Ackner and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered March 25]

A van which was fitted with clips designed securely to hold interlocking stacking trays containing bread and cakes which were to be sold to an old people's home and four retail outlets was not a specialized vehicle being used for door-to-door selling.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing a prosecutor's appeal by case stated against an adjudication on June 24, 1982 by Kirkby Justices, Merseyside, who dismissed informations preferred by the prosecutor Mr Kenneth Gordon Oxford against the defendants Thomas Scott & Sons Bakery Ltd and their employee, Brian Rimmer, alleging that on September 26, 1981 they used a vehicle to which section 97 of the Transport Act 1968 applied, in which recording equipment had not been installed in compliance with Annexes 1 and 2 of the EEC Regulations 1463/70, and against the employee alone that he made an entry in a book kept or carried for the purpose of regulations under section 98 of the 1968 Act as amended, which he knew to be false and failed to enter in a daily sheet of the individual control book details for work that day.

Mr A T Sander for the prosecutor; Mr Richard Gray for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said in a reserved judgment that at 7.05 am the employee was driving the bakery's bread van, a Leyland Redune goods vehicle, when he was stopped by the police on the M57 motorway.

There was no tachograph fitted to the vehicle but the driver was in possession of an individual control book in which details for the full day's work for September 26, 1981 had already been completed in advance and the copy removed.

In the rear of the van was a large quantity of bread and cakes which the employee was hoping to sell to his employers' customers. He was employed by them as a driver/salesman and paid on a commission basis.

His round covered several miles and consisted of calls to supermarkets, shops, works canteens and an old people's home.

His method of work was to order his stock on a weekly basis a week in advance based on his experience of his normal order. He hoped to sell his entire stock but that depended on the customers' requirements when he called.

The bread and cakes were carried in plastic trays which interlocked when stacked. In order that the trays were held firmly in the vehicle there were clips which moved up and down metal rods fitted to the side of the vehicle.

On those facts two quite separate questions arose:

First, was the vehicle a specialized vehicle for door-to-door selling? If the van and its use on the day in question came within regulation 4 of the Community Road Transport Rules (Exemptions) Regulations (SI 1978 No 1158) which exempted specialized vehicles for door-to-door selling, then no offences were being committed.

Although this vehicle had been specially adapted for the transport of bread and cakes, it was in no respect constructed or adapted for door-to-door selling of those commodities.

It was a specialized vehicle in the sense of being a delivery van which could conveniently carry any articles whose transport was particularly conveniently achieved by the use of interlocking trays. There was, however, no feature about its construction and design which was relevant to door-to-door selling.

For instance it had not a specialized engine such as that normally used in a milk float where door-to door selling required constant stopping and starting, nor was it so arranged as to enable the potential customer to inspect within the vehicle the goods offered for sale, nor was it so constructed or adapted as to render the constant loading and unloading envisaged in the concept of door-to-door sales particularly more convenient to the salesman. The vehicle did not therefore come within the exemption.

Second, was the use being made of the vehicle at the material time door-to-door selling? At the material time the driver was only proposing to make, within an area covering several miles, five calls involving shops and an old people's home.

That did not amount to door-to-door selling. The driver did not propose to call at one house after another. He was not proposing to call at any house at all, unless the old people's home could be so described.

With that exception, he was not proposing to make any sales to the ultimate customer. Four of his five customers were shops, who would be selling the goods on to their customers.

Accordingly, the vehicle was neither a specialized vehicle for use for door-to-door selling, nor was it being so used on the day in question.

The case would be remitted to the justices with a direction to convict.

Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions; McKenna & Co.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev A H P Baillie, Curate of All Souls, Leicester, diocese of Leicester, to be Team Vicar in the Heavitree Team Ministry, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev H J M Bury, Vicar of Ryarsh with Birling and Priest-in-charge of Addington with Trottiscliffe, diocese of Rochester, to be Priest-in-charge of Halstead and Knockholt, same diocese.

The Rev R J P Chancellor, permission to officiate, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev D J Chapman, Rector of Wells-next-the-Sea, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar of Feltham, diocese of London.

The Rev S B N Cooper, Priest-in-charge of Easton-on-the-Hill and Collyweston with Duddington and Tixover, diocese of Peterborough, to be Rector of the benefice.

The Rev [illegible] H Dick, Priest-in-charge of Lifton, Kelly with Bradstone and Broadwoodwidger, diocese of Exeter, to be Incumbent of Lifton, Kelly with Bradstone and Broadwoodwidger (new benefice), same diocese.

The Rev L E Gilchrist, Curate of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale, diocese of Derby, to be Vicar of Buxworth with Chinley, same diocese.

The Rev R A H Greany, Incumbent of Spennymoor, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar of Flamstead and Assistant Principal of Ministerial Training Scheme, diocese of St Albans.

The Very Rev P Haynes, Dean of Hereford Cathedral, diocese of Hereford, to be also Vicar of St John Baptist, Hereford, same diocese.

The Rev T F Horsington, to be Priest-in-charge of St Deinst, Llangarren, Christ Church, Llangrove, St Dubricius, Whitchurch, and St Swithin, Ganarew, Ross, diocese of Hereford.

The Rev D J Hutton, Chaplain of the London Hospital, diocese of London, to be Canon Chancellor of Liverpool Cathedral, diocese of Liverpool.

The Rev N R E Jacobs, Rector of Croscombe, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar of Biddenham, diocese of St Albans.

The Rev D R Jackson, Vicar of Penaington and Lindal with Marton, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar of St George's, Kendal, same diocese.

The Rev K C Jones, Chaplain, RAF, to be Vicar of Colwich with Great Haywood, diocese of Lichfield.

The Rev R J Macklin, Vicar of Kimbolton with Stow Longa, diocese of Ely, to be also Rural Dean of Leightonstone, same diocese.

The Rev D A Mission, Vicar of Leigh, diocese of Manchester, to be Rector of Otham with Langley, diocese of Canterbury.

The Rev M D W Paddison, Curate of Rayleigh, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Rector of Scole with Billingford, Brockdish, Thorpe Abbots and Thorpe Parva, diocese of Norwich.

The Rev D J Prothero, Vicar of Marldon, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar of St Martin, Barton, Torquay, same diocese.

The Rev R Vince, Chaplain to the Polytechnic of North London, diocese of London, to be Chaplain and Chairman of the Department of Religion at the Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, US.

The Rev P L Washington, Team Vicar of Staveley and Barrow Hill, diocese of Derby, to be Vicar of St Philip Norbury, diocese of Canterbury.

The Rev D J White, Rector of Castle Bromwich, diocese of Birmingham, to be Vicar of St Simon's, Plymouth, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev B L Whittaker, Vicar of Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Stalybridge, diocese of Chester, to be Team Rector of Bucknall with Bagnall, diocese of Lichfield.

The Rev H B York, Priest-in-charge of Luxulyan and Lanlivery, diocese of Truro, to be Rector of Antony with Sheviock, same diocese.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev C A Anthony, Vicar of Broughton and Duddon, diocese of Carlisle, to resign in April.

The Rev F T C Byron, Vicar of St James Norlands, diocese of London, to retire on May 24.

The Rev B L Cottrell, Vicar of St John the Baptist, Isleworth, diocese of London, to retire on April 23.

The Rev G Davies, Vicar of St Mary with St Peter, West Brompton, diocese of London, resigns on April 6.

The Rev D S Garland, Vicar of Wreay and Chaplain of Cumberland Infirmary, diocese of Carlisle, to resign in April.

The Rev S T Lambert, Priest-in-charge of St Lawrence, Bourton-on-the-Hill, and St Thomas of Canterbury, Todenham with St Leonard, Lower Lemington, diocese of Gloucester, to resign on April 30.

The Rev A E Osmond, Vicar of Woodbury with Exton, diocese of Exeter, to retire on August 31.

The Rev R E Owen, Rector of St Peter, Pebworth with St Peter, Dorsington, diocese of Gloucester, to resign on April 9.

Canon J Vincent, Vicar of St Austell, diocese of Truro, to retire on May 29.

The Rev R S Wallace, Vicar of St Mary with St Alban, Teddington, diocese of London, to retire on May 31.

The Rev F Warnes, Vicar of Gulval, diocese of Truro, retired on January 31.

The Rev G R Watts, Rector of St Mellion with Pillaton, diocese of Truro, to retire on June 6.

Latest wills

Mrs Ethel Buddle Lundbeck, of Bath, left £409,696 net. She left £20,000 each to the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust, Bristol, and Action in Distress.

Mr Harry Hartley, of Burnley, Lancs, left estate valued at £569,775

Mrs Selina Barbara Fielding, of St John's Wood, left estate valued at £642,346 net.

Sheraton, Mr Richard Frederick, of Hove East Sussex, chartered accountant £240,025

Theatre in the United States: **Irving Wardle**, in the first of two reports, investigates the current state of play on Broadway

Martian tongue fighting back

Say what you like against the long-run system, it has its advantages for the long-absent spectator. Last year I quit New York in enraged conviction that I had missed the boat with *Nine* and Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy*: but everything comes to him who waits, as Mr Fierstein himself would agree, after advancing from East Village obscurity and Off-Broadway to his present location (The Little Theatre) bang next door to Sardi's, in the first homosexual play ever to get a foothold on Broadway.

You will forgive me for starting with the old stuff, but there is no relegating *Torch Song* to a last-paragraph listing. It covers six years in the life and loves of a drag queen called Arnold, who loses one partner by marriage and another by murder, and winds up by introducing a 15-year old boy to his mother as his adopted son. If that sounds an unpromising way of whiling away close on four hours, you are reckoning without Mr Fierstein, whose long-since stripped vocal chords pinion you to your seat with the combined authority of the Ancient Mariner and Poe's Raven. "How time flies when you're doing all the talking", Mr Fierstein croaks; and that goes for his listeners as well.

In three acts, each a self-sufficient play, you see him engaged in a losing battle with straight society and fighting back with his tongue. Theatrical justice being what it is, he is the undoubted victor.

What he is not doing is making out the usual modest case for homosexuals as ordinary decent people, indistinguishable in every respect but one from their fellow men. Arnold is the ultimate caricature of a screaming queen, set apart from his companions by his lopsided headgear, his bunny-rabbit slippers and every louche movement he makes, as well as by his Martian voice. Perhaps Mr Fierstein stacks the cards in his favour by characterizing the first lover as a mousy teacher trying to go straight and soliciting sympathy by having the second clubbed to death with baseball bats. But nothing diminishes the play's defiance or its wit – which is of a kind available only to someone who has burnt his boats. And to accuse Mr Fierstein of indulging himself in an ego trip is like accusing the Caliph Osman of male chauvinism. It would be possible to sit through *Torch Song* as a freak show; but, as it has installed its subject into the homeland of middlebrow taste without compromise or apology, it is Mr Fierstein who has the last laugh. As Arnold puts it:





Raul Julia with the Pink Ladies in the Grand Canal number from *Nine*; Noble Shropshire's teasing Mephisto (top) in *Faust*; and Keith Carradine, with Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy asserting simple old American values, in *Foxfire*

"I want more in life than meeting a pretty face and sitting down on it."

Boiled down to its bones, *Nine* (46th Street Theatre) is another "artist's block" entertainment, showing a desperate film director visited by inspiration just in time to escape retribution from his backer's heavies. But it is not for its plot synopsis that Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston's musical carried off a catalogue of 1982 awards; and for the first half-hour you could mistake it for a salute to the Italian rag trade.

One solitary male (Raul Julia) is gradually joined by a doting orchestra of ladies, in a stage picture extracting the maximum severity and maximum voluptuousness from the contrast of black and white. *Nine*, taking its cue from Fellini's $8\frac{1}{2}$, punningly refers both to the great man's next film and to the fact that emotionally he has not yet reached the age of 10, a fact articulated in the person of Mr Julia's juvenile *alter ego* who enacts his monastic upbringing and is also on hand, when the director attempts suicide, to reveal the chosen weapon as a toy pistol.

Between these two events we see Guido (Mr Julia) distributing his lying favours between his wife and the other suffering ladies while wracking his brain for an idea to justify the producer's investment. The idea of Casanova finally takes his fancy, and the black and white stage explodes into a gaudy baroque carnival of pannier dresses, peacock page boys, and a gross parody of his own past affairs performed under the mortified gaze of the ladies involved.

As a parable on the hazards of artistic self-cannibalization, *Nine* makes its point with the clarity of a feather dipped in acid. However, in the world this show occupies, anything approaching a moral point would immediately shrivel into a dowdy cliché. Tommy Tune's production is about style, and in particular it is a New York joke on the Italian *bella figura*. It is only in some of Mr Yeston's numbers that direct emotion disturbs the glassy surface; and even the score consists mainly of Italianate pastiche from lewd tarantellas and Venetian boat songs to *opera seria* recitative. For sheer technical accomplishment, and individual virtuoso performances like those of Anita Morris and Liliana Montevecchi, it is a marvel; but at the end, and despite Mr Julia's heavy-lidded charm, the real hero is William Ivey Long's wardrobe.

Nine, no doubt, will surface in London in due course. Of Susan Cooper and Hume Cronyn's *Foxfire*, the probability is that it will live out its acclaimed life at the Ethel Barrymore and then fade away. Despite its English co-authorship, this "hillbilly *Our Town*" belongs to the category of Broadway shows that bring nationally revered stars together to assert the simple old American values. In this case, Jessica Tandy and Mr Cronyn are celebrating the indissolubility of marriage; and it is one mark of the play's quality that not until well into the first act do you realize that the husband is already dead.

The partners first appear, against David Mitchell's dream-like backdrop of the Appalachian mountains, chatting, squabbling and going about their business on the remote farm as they have done for the past 30 years. Mr Cronyn is apt to find urgent business in the orchard whenever visitors show up and try to buy his property, but it is only when their folk-singer son Dillard (Keith Carrandine) comes home dropping dark hints about his wife ("the fastest credit card in the South") that the question of marital loyalty sorts out the ghosts from the flesh and blood.

Foxfire is the name of a luminous lichen found on dead trees in the Appalachian forests, and it is an exact metaphor for what this piece has to say about continuity and betrayal; and the fact that Dillard, in his ice cream soda cowboy suit, is more of a ghost than the lingering figure of his father, who preserves a stubborn existence even outside the memories of his family. The down-to-earth poetry and domestic aggression of Tandy and Cronyn's performances would obliterate any trace of whimsicality in the text; but feyness never enters into it, and its games with time in a continuous dramatic present would look technically dazzling in a less unassuming piece of work.

Premières have not been thick on the ground in the past weeks, but one worth mentioning is Goethe's *Faust*, which lately achieved its first full American production at the Greenwich Village address of the Classic Stage Company, bringing that outfit its greatest success in its 16-year existence.

The work of Christopher Martin (CSC's founding director), this production is clearly the creation of a man who knows the modern German stage, and also how far he can push the New York public. The very stage of CSC suggests a New York street, a black carpeted combat area pitted with grills periodically discharging smoke from the infernal sewers. Among the first thing they disgorge is Noble Shropshire's Mephisto, a dinner-suited tease with a flickering tongue and campy giggle who would be thoroughly at home in the *Touch Song* ghetto.

There are no such local equivalents to the figure of Faust himself; and the production addresses this problem by splitting him between three actors respectively embodying the sensualist, the magician and the finally redeemed wanderer. The point of this is undermined by the production's evident assumption that New Yorkers are interested only in specatacle, which leads to a high-energy acceleration of Philip Wayne's text into a senseless verbal pile-up. Part I, where plot is paramount, is the main casualty of this approach. Part II, with its departure from Christian legend into Greek myth, alchemy and forecasts of the Faustian science of today, is a revelation, and Mr Martin's flow of stage imagery, from the transformation of an ocean into Helen's robe to the defeat of Mephisto's death's-heads under a bombardment of white roses, leaves you feeling that after Goethe there was nothing left for the expressionists and the surrealists to invent.

Concerts

AAM/Hogwood

Barbican

"Mostly Mozart" is under way at the Barbican: a long holiday weekend of concerts, films and fun events spilling out of the main concert hall and into the foyers. At last the centre is being brought to life, and, if only somebody could fuse the public address system, it might be almost human.

What it can never be, of course, is anything like an eighteenth-century music room. Dropped into this wide, high box, the Academy of Ancient Music sounded brave, miniature and a little pathetic in their performance of the "Haffner" Symphony on Sunday afternoon. And, because they were spatially out of their element, one was too much aware of the negative aspects of their historical style: the dubious intonation of the oboes, the sourness of the strings, the maddening half-audibility of Christopher Hogwood's continuo.

The effect altogether was a diminishing of the music. In the first movement Mr Hogwood's swaying motion did not so much reawaken the symphony's freshness as sentimentalize it into classical pastiche, and there was something curiously pugnacious about the forceful drumming within this context of littleness, especially in the finale. That movement did, though, benefit from a formal clarity that was marked throughout the concert, with daring changes of tone and texture that no larger ensemble could expect to accomplish.

As Mr Hogwood reminded us, in 1783 Mozart had the symphony played as a frame for one of his concerts, its finale reached only after a great miscellany of other things had intervened. In the light of that precedent, it seemed a bit parsimonious to offer just an aria, and in any event I am not at all sure the practice of jigsawing symphonies is to be recommended. The only advantage here was that we had an opportunity to hear the pure musical water of Emma Kirkby's soprano in "Voi avete un cor fedele", at least until a last phrase that did something very peculiar and ran amok.

The performance of Beethoven's First Symphony was much better. Only last week Mr Hogwood was remarking on this page about the great problems in attempting an authentic-style Beethoven, and it would obviously be absurd to suggest that those problems have all been solved. Nevertheless, the Academy's natural suppleness in the Andante revitalized a movement that can easily appear ponderous, and the busy finale was particularly effective for coming after a gently paced minuet. It was also good to hear Beethoven's vigour played as reckless musical intelligence for once and not Promethean heroism.

Paul Griffiths

RPO/Weller

Festival Hall

Beethoven's Ninth needs, in these days of the appalling availability of music, a compelling reason to be heard. Easter Sunday provides one apt reason to survey the cosmos; the evident seriousness and commitment of Walter Weller, who conducted, and the excellent Brighton Festival Chorus, provided another justification for Sunday night's account. From the beginning, which in Weller's large-scale vision chose to look from Bruckner's symphonies backwards rather than from Mozart's D minor works forwards, the performance had immense sweep and fervour.

It was a little short on detail. Perhaps it is pedantic, in the face of the tumultuous affirmations of the last movement (in which a fine quartet of soloists allowed us the rare privilege of hearing which notes they were singing) to criticize cellos and basses for lumpy, unclear playing in the recitative, or the bassoon for not sustaining the vital D in his counterpoint which allows the seventh-chord beneath it to make sense.

Weller always insisted on a heavy expressive weight, yet sometimes that was counter-productive. When the first movement reaches its terrifying recapitulation in D major, the instability is increased by the use of a first-inversion chord: if the bass note simply cannot be heard the moment fails to register. The brass, at first encouraged to blare, covered up so much detail that Weller had to restrain them repeatedly, and there was a nasty scramble into the ritardando of the coda.

In the slow movement, few would advocate following Beethoven's metronome mark (alarmingly fast for an Adagio molto), but it is surely important to distinguish between the speeds of the two themes which are varied – the tempo makes a structural point. Weller gradually slowed the Adagio so that the speed at one point was twice as slow as Beethoven's marking and then accelerated without maintaining any clear distinction between the two tempi.

Through all that the orchestra played with more than adequate skill, and though the string sound was less than distinguished there were fine wind contributions, particularly from the outstanding first oboe (a guest principal) and fourth horn. By the close, the cosmos was indeed glimpsed, but darkly.

Nicholas Kenyon

Galleries

Self surrendered to pictorial essence

Lawrence Gowing

Serpentine

Drawing in the Italian Renaissance Workshop

Victoria and Albert Museum

Fiftieth Birthday Choice: Edward Lucie-Smith

Leinster Fine Art

We like to define an artist's boundaries, partly through a wish to analyze and understand, partly through a need to feel secure. Within those boundaries the artist may be passively painting apples or actively directing women covered in blue paint to fling themselves on to canvas; the spectator then makes up his own mind about the quality and interest of the result.

The artists themselves usually deprecate the boundaries, but find it difficult to step forward and describe to the public exactly what they are doing. Nor should one expect them to. Lawrence Gowing, however, is known as much as a writer about painters and a teacher of painting as he is as an artist, so perhaps one might legitimately hope for a commentary on the pictorial journey that includes apples at several stages and ends with his own body strapped as a template for an assistant to silhouette. He says himself: "Seeing who I am, you might expect more words than painting." We are not given *more* words – the Serpentine Gallery is replete with paintings – but in the catalogue we are given an unique aesthetic and biographical commentary. Spectators with time and literary inclination will find it expands their experience of this absorbing retrospective, though it is a perfectly accessible exhibition without the commentary.

Gowing discovered he wanted to be a painter when he was at school, and when Kenneth Clark bought his first, romantic, self-portrait his father agreed he need not become an insurance clerk as had been arranged. He left Oakleigh Park for the intellectually serious, and privately exciting, world of Fitzroy Street and the so-called Euston Road painters. *Mare Street, Hackney* was painted when he was 19 in response to Graham Bell's idea for an exhibition of pictures of London, and is a careful, objective portrayal of the site of his father's failed drapery business. Portraits of Veronica Wedgwood, Julia Strachey, Philip Toynbee and John Russell give intimations of a scene in which his paramount influence was William Coldstream. "His view of art", Gowing writes, "was based on good sense; as the existence of painting depended on people wishing for it, he reasoned that it should represent subjects of interest to them." So portraits and landscapes, since this is England, developed as major themes, and for this exhibition works have been traced and collected that have never been shown before.

Retrospectives are tricky; they can drive one away from a painter previously admired in small doses. Here, the cumulative effect is enhancing. The paintings look much livelier gathered together than memory might lead one to expect. The experiments in abstraction, arising out of years of weekends and holidays immersed, painting, in woody



Gowing's use of the body in *Stretched against violet* (1980)

landscapes, appear more convincing not far from their companion images of trees and tunnelled paths than they do alone, or near other artist's abstracts. One can see them as not just part of what was happening in art at the time (early Sixties) but also as one way of responding to the idea Gowing had "of the pictorial essence of the scene ... as a fabric stretched out to the four corners of a canvas", which in turn links to a remark he once heard Coldstream make to a student: "Think of the canvas as a web with spaces between each touch. Then you can *believe* in getting them right."

Gowing's view – "The subject that surrounds and envelops the painter, who has no choice but to give himself up to it, still seems to me that irresistible reason for painting" – led at an early stage to a total submission on "the day when I first plunged deep into the woods and stripped off my clothes to make myself defenceless against the place". That experience foreshadowed the "submission and self-abandonment" of the recent body paintings. These are not so much a break away from, as a leap-frog over, Coldstream's objective positiveness, leaving behind, for the moment at any rate, "the routine of distinguished sitters and attractive models" and asserting "I had better use the body I was stuck with, my own".

By taking that body to the canvas, a method of both attempting a manner of the "figural unity" Matisse sought and of openly declaring sex as the imperative centre of much life painting, Gowing makes images that in the exhibition contribute to a powerful final room. The cracked mirror studio paintings, and *Trapeze* – for which he hung from a trapeze, lit by a red and a green light – will stand alone. The outlines need, I feel, to remain as a series. The exhibition remains at the Serpentine Gallery until April 24, and then travels to Newcastle, Hull and Plymouth.

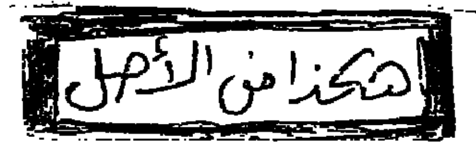
Detailed scholarship of a loving kind informs **Drawing in the Italian Renaissance Workshop** at the Victoria and Albert Museum until May 15. It is organized by Francis Ames-Lewis and Joanne Wright, with a splendid and complete catalogue. Each of these rare drawings – rare in the sense that, for every survivor, hundreds were destroyed – has its own panel of explanation and description, re-creating the day-to-day procedures of drawing by both apprentices and masters of the Renaissance. An exquisite, tiny Carpaccio sketch of bystanders is accompanied by a reproduction of the painting into which the group was reworked. Giovanni Bellini's *Portrait of a Man* (possibly his brother, Gentile) demonstrates an inspired use of black chalk for a finished head. Gentile Bellini's own free sketch for a processional scene reminds us that fifteenth-century Venetian crowds could be briefly stylized just as twentieth-century inhabitants of industrial towns have been. The methods and techniques that enabled draughtsmen to develop drawing as a means of expression as well as a necessary exercise before painting are fully explained, and the non-specialist learns some fascinating details.

We see the practice of life drawing developing from tentative, inaccurate, outline beginnings to the confident portrayal of flesh, muscle, movement and expression in Signorelli's study of two nude figures in combat. Drapery, once such an important ingredient of pictures, is examined in a way that will make looking at painted robes more interesting in future.

Stepping into **Fiftieth Birthday Choice** is rather like entering someone's house and being hit by the density and eccentricity of his art collection. Leinster Fine Art (9 Hereford Road, W2) offered Edward Lucie-Smith the chance to celebrate, until April 30, not only his fiftieth birthday but also the twenty-first anniversary of his *Critic's Choice* exhibition at Arthur Tooth's. I do not know Lucie-Smith, and had a vague feeling I was intruding in the first section where he looks rather balefully in several directions from portraits of himself by various artists. But two portrayals of him by Beryl Cook, one in a very hairy black coat and the other, called *Poet Laureate*, in just smooth white skin and a laurel wreath, indicated I ought not to be too solemn but just poke around and enjoy myself.

Besides the portraits, there is what Lucie-Smith himself describes as a "disorderly" choice of paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, jewellery and photographs by artists that include Glynn Williams, Ralph Steadman, John Hoyland, Polly Hope, Ishbel McWhirter, Adrian Henri and Leonard Baskin. Only a few of the works are from Lucie-Smith's own collection; mainly they are for sale since he wishes "to share the pleasure they have given me, not just on this particular occasion, but in a more widespread and permanent way".

Paddy Kitchen



Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 21. Dealings End, April 8. § Contango Day, April 11. Settlement Day, April 18.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.
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THE WEEK AHEAD ● by Jeremy Warner

BAT profits expected to pass £800m

The company news season hits a quiet patch this week with only one leading group reporting 1982 figures.

That company is BAT Industries, the international tobacco and retailing concern. On Thursday, it is expected to produce pretax profits for 1982 of between £800m and £825m – a return which brokers think will rise to over £900m this year. These forecasts compare with profits of £684m in 1981.

However, with most of its profits earned overseas, £80m to £100m of the improvement will come from exchange rate gains.

The earnings growth BAT will report has not impressed the stock market. The shares have been severely underperforming other leading equities so far this year. Several brokers have recommended a switch into Imperial Group, Britain's other big tobacco company.

At half time BAT results were below expectations after problems in some of its associate companies and in United States retailing. The rate of growth over the last two years could well slow if there is any significant strengthening in the pound.

Thursday also sees results from insurance broker Stewart Wrightson, another group that will have benefited from the weakness in the pound.

Brokers have produced a range of forecasts here, from unchanged pretax profits of £9.2m at the lower end, to nearly £11m at the higher. But after disappointing results from Willis Faber, the market is not expecting a sparkling performance.

The group's insurance broking, much of which is in the United States, should show a good improvement but there is likely to be a severe downturn in profits from shipbroking and operating.

Also on Thursday, there are results from British Printing and Communications where Mr Robert Maxwell has been busy rebuilding profits. The first half saw a turnround from losses of £6.7m to profits before tax of £5m and full-year figures could see the group reporting a surplus of between £17.5m and £20m.

Mr Maxwell has been working flat out over the last two years taking cost out of the company. "It is a remarkable achievement", one broker said, "but then the group was in a remarkable mess before Maxwell moved in."

The rationalization and cost-cutting have been coupled with a push to win back printing, particulaly of mail order catalogues, which has gone overseas. Again with the pound devalued this should begin to meet with increasing success.

However, BPCC's big problem is still identified in the City as the Park Royal print works where a dispute is hitting production of *Radio Times* and some newspaper colour supplements. "Maxwell has so far dealt with the easy bits. Now there's Park Royal," one broker said.

Croda International, the specialist chemicals group, will attract interest when it reports full-year figures on Thursday, not least because it might well miss its £16m profit forecast made when Burmah Oil launched its unsuccessful bid in December 1981.

Missed forecasts are not generally liked in the City but Croda may be forgiven for this one provided the discrepancy is not too great, because it was nearly 15 months ago that it made it. In addition, the final results are likely to be complicated by provisions for rationalization, but should still show a substantial improvement over the £10.1m of 1981. Profits of between £22m and £23m are looked for this year.

There is also no question of Croda failing to pay the promised 7p final dividend.

The group recently put its synthetic chemicals division up for sale – a business with sales of over £20m a year which could well fetch over £10m. There have been four approaches already, one from Burmah Oil, now nibbling at Croda rather than attempting to devour it whole.

Economic view

Critical week for sterling

All eyes will be on sterling this morning when the markets open after the Easter break. First reactions to the British National Oil Corporation's new price proposals were favourable but with many traders out of the market the movements tended to be exaggerated.

So the pound faces a critical week as BNOC's customers decide whether to accept the price proposal and while members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries assess the threat to their fragile pricing structure.

Uncertainty over American interest rates also represents a danger for sterling.

But if oil prices appear to stabilize the pound could well recover sufficiently to encourage thought of further interest rate cuts.

This week's economic statistics are almost all crowded into tomorrow: March official reserves, final February retail sales and consumer credit, March wholesale prices, March provisional money supply growth, February advance energy statistics and February housing starts.

The wholesale price figures will be watched closely for a guide to inflation trends over the next few months. Prices of raw materials are expected to show a significant increase because of sterling's depreciation last month, but so far these have not been reflected in factory gate prices, which continue to rise *only slowly*.

City analysts are predicting little growth in the main money supply measure, Sterling M3, in March, with higher bank lending being offset by currency outflows across the foreign exchanges.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 655.1, up 4.1
FT Gilts: 80.8, up 0.32
Bargains: 25, 286
Tring Hall USM Index: 169.7 up 0.5
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones 8,478.70, up 32.09
Hongkong: Hang Sang Index 996.01, up 13.67
New York: Dow Jones Industrial average 1,122, down 8 (latest)

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.4835, up 190pts
Index 79.5
DM 3.6025
FrF 10.7850
Yen 354.50
Dollar
Index 122.7, up 0.1
DM 2.4272
Gold
$414.50, down $3.50 (Thursday's close)
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4885
Gold $419

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rates 10½
3 month interbank 10⅞-10¾
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9 9/16-9 11/16
3 month DM 5 1/16-4 15/16
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ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 2 to March 1, 1983 inclusive: 11.391 per cent.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – **Interims:** Ingall Industries, New Court Trust, Save and Prosper, Sterling Deposit Fund, and TR City of London Trust. **Finals:** APV Holdings, British Printing and Communication, Jackson Exploration (UK), Johnson Group, Cleaners, Sharna Ware.
TOMORROW – **Interims:** A Beckman, and Trident Computer Services. **Finals:** Brammer, Bruntons (Musselburgh), Christies, International, Coates Bros., Fothergill and Harvey, John I Jacobs, Phoenix Assurance, G W Sparrow and Sons, Sun Alliance and London Insurance, Arthur Wood and Son (Longport), and York Mount.
THURSDAY – **Interims:** Burgess Products, Druck Holdings, Ferry Pickering, Photo-me International and "W" Ribbons. **Finals:** Bat Industries, Wm Baird, British Vending Industries, Cookson Group, Croda International Dixor-Strand, Dreamland Electrical Appliances, Erith Finlay Packaging, Highlands and Lowlands, Ladbroke, Wm Morrison, Supermarkets, Richards (Leicester), Steart Wrightson, and Francis Sumner.
FRIDAY – **Interims:** Scottish Metropolitan Properties. **Finals:** Armitage Bros, Emray, Insurance Corp of Ireland, Lyle Shipping, North British Canadian Investments, Senior Engineering Group, Trans National Trust, and George Wills and Sons (Hldgs).

Systime set for China deal

Systime, the Leeds-based minicomputer manufacturer, is set to win a contract to supply computers to China and set up two factories there. The deal is subject to approval by Cocom, the Western committee that vets high technology sales to Communist countries.

Until the Chinese factories are running – probably within two or three years – Systime will supply computer systems from Britain. These direct imports are likely to amount to about 120 minicomputers, for use in the railways, mining and electricity supply industries.

The first phase of the agreement is likely to be worth about £4m. Systime is the second largest British-based computer manufacturer (after ICL), with a projected turnover of £66m this year and a 40 per cent annual growth rate.

● **FRAUD CLAIM:** Lloyds Bank International has accused four Hongkong executives of defrauding it and has accused its former lawyer in Hongkong of negligence. The bank alleges it was defrauded by three senior executives of the Mee Kwong Group, one of Hongkong's largest garment makers, and by a senior executive of Great Eagle Com, a propert company.

● **VIDEO LAUNCH:** Hitachi, the Japanese electronics group, says its wholly owned West German subsidiary will begin production of video tape recorders three months earlier than originally scheduled. It expects the subsidiary to produce initially 5,000 units each month from as early as October.

● **RUSSIAN DEAL:** John Brown Engineering has sold an 8.5m gas turbine to the Soviet Union – the 68th to be built for the company's largest customer.

Banks hold up Dome Petroleum refinancing

Toronto (AP-DJ) – Dome Petroleum's refinancing talks have bogged down amid indications of rivalries in the company's Canadian banking group.

As a result, some of Dome's foreign lenders are becoming impatient with the slow pace of negotiations to reach a refinancing agreement for the troubled oil company.

"The attitude among many US banks is that if Mexico's debt problems can be fixed in six months, there's no reason why Dome should take a year", one US banker said.

Dome, of Calgary, Alberta, and its bankers have been seeking a way to reschedule principal payments on thousands of millions of dollars of Dome debt that is due now or soon and which the company cannot pay. Talks have lingered since last summer with Canadian bankers and for almost six months with foreign lenders, in both cases longer than originally planned, and "There's been absolutely no progress for some time", another US banker said.

At the same time, however, banking sources also said none of Dome's bankers were nervous enough to call in any loans, because the company is meeting all its interest requirements on about $C6,500m (£3,500m) of debt.

According to American and European bankers, the refinancing talks have stalled because Dome's four Canadian bankers – Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto Dominion Bank, the Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal – have been bickering among themselves.

A US banker thought none of the Canadian banks – which have most at stake – was prepared to sacrifice any of its own security.

Dome's debts are the results of an aggressive acquisition policy over the past four years. The company signed a refinancing agreement in September, when it was running at a deficit and its prospects were dim. It had $C1,400m debt due on September, 30 and was not able to pay. The debt repayment, which has since grown to about $C2,000m, has been deferred.

Under the September accord, the four Canadian banks and the Canadian Government agreed in principle to provide Dome with a $C1,000m credit facility that, if used, would give the banks and the Government effective control of the company. The banks would also reschedule debts of about $C4,000m.

Cash-starved International Development Association facing collapse

World Bank seeks Britain's help to make America pay up

By Michael Prest

Mr A. W. "Tom" Clausen, president of the World Bank, is to visit Mrs Margaret Thatcher next week to press on the Government the urgent need for extra funds for the International Development Association, the bank's concessionary lending arm.

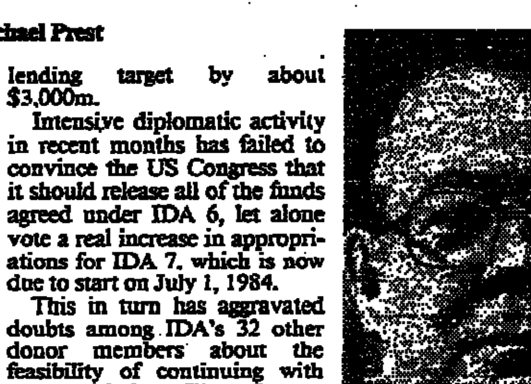
IDA faces collapse next year, chiefly because of the failure of the United States to pay its agreed contributions. Mr Clausen will ask Britain and possibly Canada, to use the opportunity of the Williamsburg economic summit in May to impress upon the Americans the gravity of the situation.

IDA makes interest-free loans over 50 years to the world's poorest people. Since its inception in 1961 the association has been successful in assisting the development of countries whose per capita income is less than $730 a year. But the sixth IDA programme from 1981-3 has fallen short of its $12,000m lending target by about $3,000m.

Intensive diplomatic activity in recent months has failed to convince the US Congress that it should release all of the funds agreed under IDA 6, let alone vote a real increase in appropriations for IDA 7, which is now due to start on July 1, 1984.

This in turn has aggravated doubts among IDA's 32 other donor members about the feasibility of continuing with the association. They do not want to make up the shortfall caused by the United States, and indeed cannot easily do so because the United States is still the biggest shareholder in the World Bank.

Time is another problem. IDA's funds will soon be exhausted – for much of last year it could not make agreed disbursements – and donors will have to decide whether to try to keep the association alive or commit their aid through


Clausen: keen for British support

other channels, or reduce their aid overall.

IDA officials believe they need as much as $20,000m for IDA 7, which would run for three years, if the real value of aid is to be preserved and if allowance is made for China's membership. China has doubled the eligible IDA population at a stroke. Privately they say that anything less than $16,000m would be unconscionable.

But the US Congress is baulking at voting the $245m which is necessary to bring its present commitments up to date, and shows little sign of providing the additional $1,095m in the fourth year. IDA 6 was stretched by a year to four years because the United States fell behind.

A meeting of the donors in Copenhagen last week failed to bring about a noticeable change in the American attitude. M. Andre de Lattre, who is in charge of the negotiations for the World Bank, said then that moves were afoot to put IDA on the Williamsburg agenda

The irony is that the difficulties on Capitol Hill have grown rather than diminished, as had been hoped, over the last three months because of the Administration's efforts to persuade Congress that the International Monetary Fund was not an aid body and that it deseved American support.

As a consequence proper aid organisations such as IDA have been indirectly damned. Congressmen also feel that India, which receives about 40 per cent of IDA finance, should no longer be eligible and that China is capable of raising funds commercially.

● The pace of Britain's economic recovery is likely to slow in 1984 as inflation erodes living standards and dampens consumer spending, according to forecasts by two City stockbrokers published today.

Both Phillips and Drew and Simon and Coates predict growth of 2¼ per cent this year falling to about 1½ per cent in 1984. The Treasury expects national output to rise by 2 per cent this year, accelerating to 2½ per cent by mid-1984.

Hidden cost of inflation

Hundreds of firms have been needlessly bankrupted and thousands of families denied the chance to buy their own home because our lending and borrowing system fails to cope with inflation, according to a campaigning book out today which urges index-linking throughout the financial system as a means of revitalizing the British economy.

Mr Christopher Hawkins, author of Britain's Economic Future: an immediate programme for revival (Wheatsheaf Books) is a senior lecturer in economics at Southampton University. He claims index-linking would enable industry to borrow at one-sixth of the present cost and cut by half the share of take-home pay needed to buy a house.

The nub of the argument is that the present system – in which normal interest rates reflect inflation plus some "real" interest rate – fails to take into account that the inflation component is really compensation for erosion of the real value of capital.

Without inflation, a firm borrowing money for five years would pay interest on the loan each year and at the end of the period pay back the capital. With inflation, the firm has to pay interest each year, plus an extra sum for capital erosion.

In effect it is forced to repay capital early, with sometimes devastating effects on cash flow.

With an index-linked contract, the firm would pay back the same real amount of capital, with yearly interest, at a "real" rate of perhaps 2 or 3 per cent, calculated on the indexed value of the loan.

The economic argument for widespread index-linking of financial contracts is a cogent one but there remain many practical difficulties. But these dwindle beside the problems associated with the alternative route to financial sanity – the permanent elimination of inflation, which not even the present Government regards as a near-term possibility.

Future gas cartel threat to West

By Our Financial Staff

By the 1990s Western Europe and the United States could be vulnerable to a cartel of natural gas producers similar to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, stockbroker Grieveson, Grant says in its *World Gas Survey*.

Grieveson estimates that world gas exports could rise from 10 per cent to 20 per cent of world gas production by the end of the century. But gas output in European and the United States is expected to fall, and they could be importing more than 50 per cent and 20 per cent of their annual consumption respectively.

Changing patterns of productions will mean that the Third World will provide about three-quarters of world gas exports by the mid-1990s.

These and other natural gas producers have been trying to peg gas prices to crude oil prices. The lack of a proper world market for natural gas and the recently abandoned American administration policy of regulating gas prices have depressed world prices.

But Grieveson sees gas costing more in real terms as its share of all energy consuption increases. Between now and 1985 gas production will go up from 57 trillion [million million] cubic feet (tcf) to 58 tcf. By the turn of the century production could reach 90 tcf.

Within a few years the Soviet Union, whose 40 per cent of reserves gives it the biggest slice, is forecast to overtake the United States as the largest producer. American production could diminish from the middle of the decade and Western Europe will import about half its needs by the year 2000, a good deal of which will come from the Soviet Union.

But the marginal suppliers will be other countries, especially in the Middle East, which have small populations and big gas and oil reserves. One way to avoid dependence would be for Western Europe to encourage the developement of Norway's substantial gas reserves. Grieveson points out, however, that Norway must be promised much higher prices in the next decade if the enormous cost of natural gas investment is to be justified now.

£1m price tag for Miss World

By Our Financial Staff

The Miss World beauty contest, run by Mr Eric Morley, former head of Mecca Leisure, and his wife, Julia, is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market with a price tag of just over £1m.

Schaverien, the stockbroking firm, is about to place 810,000 shares at 60p, which will raise £420,000 after expenses. The shares are expected to start trading a week on April 14.

For many years the Miss World contest and its offshoots – Miss England, Scotland, Wales and United Kingdom – were run as a publicity venture for Mecca, which gave away tickets for the event as bingo prizes.

But when Mr Morley, the contest's originator, left Mecca in 1978, he took with him a contract to continue running the venture. Rights to the contest were sold to Belhaven Brewery, where Mr Morley is a joint chairman, and then sold for £625,000 to a private company owned by Mr Morley in February of this year.

The Morleys borrowed from Industrial Finance and Investment Corporation, promising that most of the money would be repaid by floating the company on the stock market.

Pretax profits have increased from £51,000 in 1980 to £156,000 last year and the Morleys are forecasting a further rise to £300,000 in 1983. The net dividend this year will be 3p.

About one third of the company's present income comes from television rights with sponsorship accounting for the rest. But the Morleys expect future growth from Miss World merchandising. Mr Morley says he is about to sign a deal for the manufacture and sale of Miss World dolls.


Morley: forecasting a £300,000 profit

Cope denies claims by Dowable

By Jeremy Warner

Cope Allman International yesterday described as "totally inaccurate and misleading" a circular sent to its shareholders late last week by Dowable – the consortium headed by Mr David Wickens, chairman of British Car Auctions – which is bidding nearly £24m for the engineering group.

This latest flurry of acrimony comes ahead of tomorrow's first closing date for the offer. From the City offices of merchant bank adviser, Morgan Grenfell, after last-minute talks on defensive tactics, Mr Michael Doherty, chief executive of Cope Allman, yesterday expressed "complete confidence, after discussions with our institutional shareholders, that Dowable will not succeed at this price".

The Dowable consortium is likely to announce today that it has raised its stake to around 20 per cent of Cope. However, it is believed that Dowable is buying from sources already committed to the bid, so that, as it raises its declared stake, its undeclared support diminishes.

Two stockbroking firms, Grieveson Grant and de Zoete and Bevan, are known to have been competing in the market for Cope shares with Dowable.

Mr Doherty said Dowable's claim in a circular to shareholders that total directors' remuneration rose by 38 per cent in the two years to July last year while shareholders' funds fell 16 per cent, was "totally misleading".

"Individual directors received pay increases of less than 8 per cent a year during this period", he said.

US curbs anger Japan

Tokyo (Reuter) – Japan has reacted angrily to President Reagan's announcement of stiff tariffs on motorcycle imports

Japan has, of course, the right to retaliate against the US by delivering a similar blow to a certain US item, Mr Sadandori Yamanaka, International Trade and Industry Minister, told the Japanese parliament. "Emotionally, I feel like hitting back. But I am now trying to be patient and not to raise a fist".

President Reagan upheld a decision by the US International Trade Commission that foreign competition, especially from Japan, was seriously hurting Harley Davidson, the only US motorcycle manufacturer.

He approved a recommendation by the commission increasing the tariff on imported motorcycles from 4.4 per cent of the value of each machine to 45 per cent for this year, declining to 35 per cent, 20 per cent, 15 per cent and 10 per cent in each of the following years.

Technology stocks lead US slide

Wall Street stock prices fell in early trading yesterday as investors worried that the Federal Reserve may be tightening credit restraints. The Dow Jones industrial average was down about eight points at 1,122 and declines led advances by more than two to one. Volume totalled some 10 million shares in the first half hour of trading.

Technology issues, traditional market leaders, suffered from profit taking. **Sperry** Corp., trading ex-dividend, was off 1⅛ to 35⅞. **Digital Equipment** fell one to 123¾, **Prime Computer** lost 1¼ to 40¾, **M/A-Com** was down one to 23⅝ and **Motorola** slid 2½ to 103¾.

Mr Michael Metz, of Oppenheimer and Co, said Friday's report that US banks had net borrowed reserves of $81m in the week ended March 30, rather than net free reserves, raided concerns that the Fed could be becoming slightly less accommodating.

Latest word in typing

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

A new British company is being set up to do for word processors and electronic typewriters what Clive Sinclair has done for home computers.

Panorama Office Systems, as it is called, has several million pounds of initial funding, including £2.5m from the Prudential Assurance's Prutec subsidiary and a £600,000 innovation grant from the Department of Industry. Its product is the "Personal Typing Centre", which offers the basic features of a word processor – display screen, floppy disc drive, daisy-wheel printer and separate keyboard – at about half the price of the cheapest systems now on the market.

The company will contract out all manufacturing, following the policy of Britain's most successful home computer ventures, Sinclair Research and Acorn. Panorama's small team of executives, based in Milton Keynes, is now talking to several potential manufacturing partners, all in Britain and including some well-known names.

"The decision to base manufacturing in the United Kingdom was partly a result of the availability of government grants and partly because a careful evaluation of production costs in Britain and the US – the other possible location – came out in favour of the UK," said Mr Terry Cooke-Davies, Panorama's managing director.

The entrepreneur behind Panorama is Mr Eric Winkler, a young Swiss businessman based in Hongkong, who already runs a successful electronics company making chess computers. Three years ago he commissioned Patscentre, the research and development arm of the PA management consultancy group, to develop the Personal Typing Centre.

Patscentre has done most of the work in its laboratory near Cambridge, though three software firms are also involved. Technically the most novel feature of the product is its extremely simple (and therefore cheap) daisy-wheel printer which will enable Panorama to sell the whole system "at a lower price than most top-of-the-range electronic typewriters."

Alternative solution to the bank loans crisis

Debts needing specialist care

By Michael Prest

Grand plans for relieving the international debt burden proliferate these days: moratoria, wholesale rescheduling, discounting, and other wonderful devices have all been aired. Given the scale and gravity of the problem, and the recognition that it is more than a liquidity crisis, the attraction of general solutions is understandable.

But there is an alternative. A piecemeal approach which identified the constituent parts of a country's debt and tackled those which seemed pressing or amenable to treatment would probably win more political support more easily than a scheme for global reconstruction.

An approach along these lines would be different from and superior to the *ad hoc* emergency combination of public and private bodies which has characterized debt rescues to date. Its advantage lies in superior information and to a lesser extent in more time for analysis. As the Treasury Select Committee recently pointed out, lack of information was one of the most disquieting aspects of bank lending during the 1970s.

An example of this approach is the work published last week by Amex Bank. It breaks down the volume and growth of international debt and debt servicing by the different sources of obligation, notably oil prices and interest rates. The debt mixture varies considerably between countries.

Cost of oil prices and interest rates (US $millions)

	"Excess" oil bill	"Excess" including oil financing cost	"Excess" interest
Argentina	–	–	2,895
Chile	941	1,318	1,200
Colombia	538	753	626
Ivory Coast	542	762	469
Korea	7,119	10,001	2,250
Mexico	–	–	6,149
Philippines	2,340	3,276	1,020
Thailand	2,421	3,402	718
Turkey	4,599	6,482	1,184
Venezuela	–	–	2,416

Source: Amex Bank

In a sense the figures are artificial. Amex compared actual oil prices in the period 1979 to 1982, after their second big increase, with the trend had they been indexed to gross national product in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and United States inflation or to United States dollar interest rates.

Similarly, the bank compared the historic course of interest rates – bearing in mind that some three-quarters of debt is floating rate – with the debt servicing charge had nominal United States interest rates stayed at the 12 per cent average of 1978.

The difference between actual and hypothetical prices in both cases is regarded as the "excess" debt burden. The results can be spectacular. Taking Brazil, among the importers, the "excess" oil and interest cost was gigantic. Among oil exporters, the cost to Mexico in higher interest was a third of total export revenue.

The chart provides another way of looking at the problem. Some countries certainly suffered from an increase in oil prices and interest rates above what could reasonably have been anticipated in 1979. But others – Argentina is a clear example – accumulated huge obligations for general financing.

One conclusion, therefore, is that exceptional debts deserve exceptional measures. Assume for a moment that the increase in oil prices above the trend indicated by inflation has now halted. Lower oil prices will help oil importers, but existing debts still have to be serviced. Measures to reduce the "excess cost" of Brazil's oil imports would make a sizable impression on the country's $80,000m in debts.

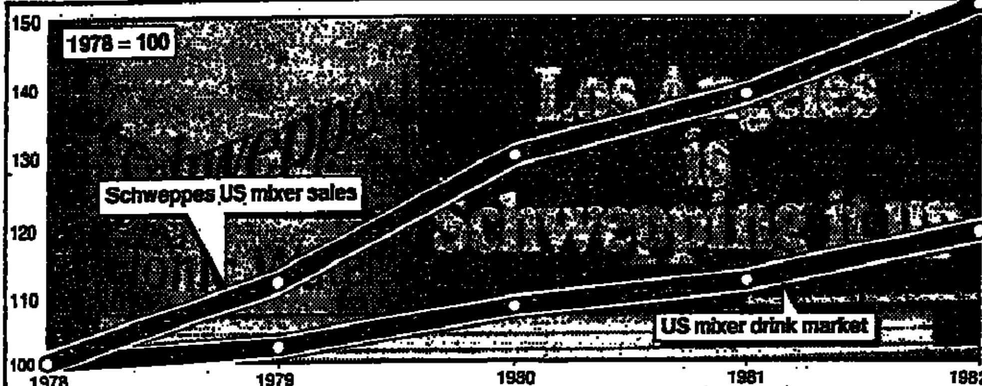
The implication is an arrangement similar to the exhausted International Monetary Fund Oil Facility.

But there are two objections to this approach. One is the difficulty of separating exogenous or exceptional factors of short duration from other causes of debt. The world is full of unpleasant surprises. Moreover, general borrowing – "other debt" on the chart – is the overwhelming problem for many countries.

Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas

Schwepping through the centuries

British companies have great world brand names. Too often we fail to exploit them. Schweppes is a successful exception. Now it is using its bicentenary by making "Schwepping" a worldwide habit.



The business of choosing a brand name is highly complex these days, particularly for international companies. Many hours of research, by both man and computer, are devoted to select a name that will carry authority in many markets around the world. Yet many of the best-known brand names were never invented by marketing men – they simply happened to be the name of the company's founder, as in the case of Jacob Schweppe.

"No one would invent the name Schweppes now", Mr Basil Collins, deputy chairman and chief executive of Cadbury Schweppes, says. "If you asked the computer it would come up with Exxon or something. Here, we've got a name with a mass of consonants, most unusual, in many parts of the world unpronounceable, but despite this – or perhaps because of it – it has become unique."

The value of the Schweppes name these days is priceless, as is its image, with its associations of enjoyment, quality and wit, which has been built up over many years through classic advertising campaigns featuring concepts such as Schweppervescence, Schweppshire and Sch... you-know-who. Schweppes is the sort of property marketing men dream about creating, but there is no short cut to building such a property. In the case of Schweppes, it has taken 200 years.

In 1783 Jacob Schweppe, a Geneva jeweller, sold his first bottle of aerated water and in doing so founded the soft drinks industry. It is not every company that has the opportunity of celebrating its bicentenary and Schweppes is using the occasion to focus worldwide attention on its brand in a way that Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola will not be able to do for a long time.

Next month sees the publication of a history of the company, *Schweppes – The First 200 Years*, and from then there will be a wide range of events celebrating the bicentenary, culminating in September in a conference in London, attended by more than 1,000 bottlers and associates from the 65 countries in which Schweppes is sold.

In Britain, Schweppes will be offering framed prints of some of its most memorable adverts as prizes in a public competition. For the trade it will be presenting commemorative plaques to pubs that are 200 years old. In the US, Schweppes bottlers who exceed their targets will get the chance to win a two-week passage on the 1984 QE2 world cruise.

Schweppes has even commissioned a piece for actors and symphony orchestra called A Suite for Schweppes which will be performed for the first time at the Royal Festival Hall in September by the Royal Philarmonic Orchestra.

Behind all the celebrations lies an awareness by the company of the enormous value in marketing terms of its long history and image, not just in Britain but all over the world. Such an image, particularly in the highly competitive soft drinks business, where marketing is crucial, is the foundation on which sales must be built.

It is no surprise that Mr Collins, though deputy chairman and chief executive of the whole Cadbury Schweppes group, still plays an active role in marketing Schweppes internationally. Having risen through the overseas side of the Schweppes company, before the merger with Cadbury in 1969, he is well aware of huge opportunities that remain for Schweppes – and the group as a whole – to expand in every market of the world.

"I was determined to turn this company from a British group with a number of overseas associates into a true multinational and that we have done, he says. Schweppes itself is now starting to feel the benefit of that approach. In the United States – "our number one priority market" – Schweppes sales have increased by 54 per cent in the last five years and it is the fastest-growing brand of mixer, with brand leadership in seven out of 10 mixer markets.

Overall, however, it still commonds less than 10 per cent of the soft drinks market in the US, so there is plenty of room for growth, in a market where consumption per head is much higher than in Britain.

Precise comparison figures for Schweppes' turnover worldwide are hard to come by, because in some markets they sell the product themselves, and measure revenue at retail sales prices, while in others – notably the United States – they franchise the business, so their revenue only covers the concentrate they sell to the bottlers. Schweppes' worldwide turnover has doubled in the last five years and Britain now accounts for only about 15 per cent.

Where Schweppes is unusual among the manufacturers of fast-moving consumer goods is that its products are sold under the same name, with the same ingredients and with the same packaging style in every one of the 65 markets it operates in, and this gives Schweppes an important commercial opportunity that is denied to many other companies. It helps explain why Mr Collins has for several years been one of the leading advocates of satellite television as an advertising medium and why Schweppes was one of the first advertisers to take advantage of the current experiment being run by the British firm Satellite Television.

It also explains why he was keen to find an international advertising theme that could be used in all countries, a need that has been successfully met in the last couple of years with the concept of "Schwepping", a term which is now in use not only in Britain – "Schwepping is taking your top off on a hot day" – but in the United States, where posters proclaim that "Los Angeles is Schwepping it up", in France, Italy, Germany, South Africa and other leading Schweppes markets.

"It is relatively recently that I took the view that we were missing an opportunity if we didn't utilize the common attitude to Schweppes that exists market by market – its correlation with quality and market leadership and its attachments of amusement, wit and enjoyment are similar throughout the world – and develop that attitude by some common form of advertising.

"The advertising is not intended to be identical around the world. Its bases and ultimate aims are identical but we leave it to local managing directors, marketing directors and agencies to exercise their creativity on the basic themes. This is a fundamental difference between us and most other multinationals – I don't think it's been done this way before."

The term Schwepping was devised by one of the company's London ad agencies NCK, which pointed out that it had actually been used (then discarded) in the 1950's, when newspapers and bus sides declared there was "Only one Schwepping day to Christmas". The agency felt it had great potential for development.

In a special chapter devoted to advertising in the bicentennial book, Mr Tony Thorncroft points out: "Many of Schweppes' greatest advertising campaigns had been built around the company name: here was another opportunity. Just by imagining a dictionary definition of Schwepping, the agency poured out all the words that Schweppes had long sought to identify with – 'enjoyment, fruition, gratification, satisfaction, fulfilment, completion, delectation, zest, gusto, indulgence, fun'."

"It's capable of being used as shorthand for a whole aspect of pleasure in life", Mr Collins says. "We can do it because we have created an atmosphere of what Schweppes means and what the environment is – the amusement and enjoyment of our advertising, with a slight leg-pull and not taking oneself too seriously.

"We couldn't do Schwepping now if we hadn't Schweppervescence and you-know-who in the past. It's a logical consequence, a variation on the theme."

Schwepping is now the advertising cornerstone on which Schweppes intends to build in all of its markets, and since it is growing faster in the rest of the world than it is in Britain that is where the company's priorities lie.

After the United States, the biggest priority is Europe, where one of the objectives is to increase per capita consumption of soft drinks, which is well below that in the United States. Beyond that come other huge markets in which Schweppes has hardly scratched the surface.

Two hundred years on, there is still a great deal of room for growth in sales of Mr Schweppe's aerated waters.

American notebook

Simmering interest rates boil over

The crisis in the American financial markets that has been in the making since October is coming to a head. The rise in the "federal funds" rate of interest in the past two weeks has pointed to a breakout of interest rates from the straitjacket in which they have been held by the Federal Reserve for the past six months.

Since about August the Federal Reserve has abandoned the policy of targeting monetary aggregates as the principal object of its monetary policy.

Targeting the monetary aggregates was partly adopted by the Fed back in October 1979, when the then policy of targeting the federal funds rate collapsed to the accompaniment of rapidly escalating inflation, sharply rising interest rates and a weak dollar.

Last August, reflecting the panic in the Administration about rising unemployment and the panic among central banks about a possible "world financial collapse" when it realized how decrepit was the condition of Mexico's finances, the Federal Reserve abandoned monetary targeting and adopted interest rate targeting once again.

As soon as the financial markets realized what was happening, bonds ceased rising in price. That was in October last year, since when bonds have been struggling to hold their price levels while stocks have boomed.

By now, the Federal Reserve is facing the consequences of unbounded monetary growth since mid-1982. This rapid growth of money has caused concern in the financial markets.

This concern is being reflected in rising interest rates. Since the last week of February, the rate on 90-day T-bills has risen from 7.91 to 8.63 per cent, the rate on federal funds has risen from 8.47 per cent in the last week of February through 8.8 per cent the week before last to over 10 per cent last Thursday.

The rise over 10 per cent was no doubt influenced by end of quarter funding problems in New York and Tokyo. Still, it was very striking and was accompanied by sharp increases in the "broker loan" rate charged by major banks.

The Continental Illinois Bank raised its broker loan rate to 11 per cent from 10 per cent, Chemical Bank raised its broker loan rate from 9.5 per cent to 10 per cent, and Bankers Trust raised its broker loan rate from 9.5 per cent to 10.25 per cent.

The broker loan rate is part of the family of rates centred around the prime rate and accordingly its sharp upward move last week must intensify the concerns about the future of interest rates already reflected in the rates on T-bills and Federal funds.

While analysts argue about the extent to which the Federal Reserve has been "snugging up" the extremely loose money policy it has been pursuing since last August, the truth is that much of the initiative has been taken out of the Fed's hands.

This is because the Fed has already shot its bolt as far as trying to force rates down or flooding the financial markets with cash is concerned. That procedure is now impotent to move rates down. The great fear in the financial markets is not of a shortage of liquid funds but of the inflationary consequences of the money boom that has already occurred.

Looking at indicators of inflation, it is not hard to see why the markets should be concerned. Commodity prices continue to show good strength and substantial rises. In the stock markets, inflation-hedge stocks are taking over from disinflation stocks as market leaders.

It is apparent that the Congress and the Administration do not intend to make any serious attempt to control the explosion in federal government spending. While the Fed may not itself actually purchase the resulting torrent of government paper coming to market, there is a deep-seated belief that it will inflate the money supply sufficiently for someone else to do so.

Thus, at a very early stage in the economic recovery, the Administration faces the appalling prospect of interest rates rising again – and rising from levels that historically are unprecedented, when the effects of inflation are removed.

Maxwell Newton

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

STRAIGHT DEBT	Price	YTM
Ford 16% 1984	104.12	10.38
C.I.B.C. 14¼% 1984	103.62	10.25
Wells Fargo 16¼% 1984	106.50	10.28
Continental Illinois 14¾% 1984 (EW)	105.00	10.66
G.M.A.C. 16¼% 1984	108.00	10.63
G.M.A.C. 15¼% 1985	107.57	10.55
Elf Acquitaine 8¾% 1985	98.57	10.88
J.C. Penney 13¼% 1985	104.75	10.79
I.M.B. World Trade 14¾% 1986	106.75	11.21
A.R.D.B. 13% 1986	108.25	10.88
Mobile Expl. 15¼% 1986	108.12	10.66
Citicorp 10% 1986	99.75	10.08
Southern California Edison 16¼% 1986	109.25	13.28
R.C.A. 16¼% 1987	106.00	13.33
Japan Development Bank 15¾% 1987	113.37	11.05
Occidental 16¼% 1987	108.00	13.94
World Bank 10¾% 1987	98.87	10.66
Amoco U.K. 13¾% 1988	110.25	13.31
Repsol 11¼% 1988	89.00	14.89
Montana Power 15¾% 1988	109.00	12.67
Western Mining 15¼% 1988	108.00	13.36
Alcoa Australia 16% 1989	110.25	13.31
Coca Cola 11¾% 1989	98.37	10.58
Electricite de France 11¼% 1990	98.62	11.53
E.I.B. 13¾% 1990	108.75	12.46
United Biscuits 11% 1990	96.00	11.82
Ontario Hydro 13¾% 1991	110.75	11.36
E.I.B. 16¼% 1991	118.00	13.09
Nat West 14¼% 1991	114.87	11.89
Barclays Bank 8¼% 1992	86.50	10.85
Amax 16¼% 1992	118.50	13.20
E.E.C. 14¾% 1993	111.25	12.69
Dow Chemical 9¾% 1994	90.87	11.10
C.N.A. 16¼% 1996	113.25	13.06

CONVERTIBLE BONDS	Conv Price	Prem
American Express 4¼% 1987	137.50	33.23
Beatrice Foods 4¼% 1992	98.00	5.13
Eastman Kodak 4½% 1988	103.50	17.75
Ford 5% 1988	87.50	23.89
Galveston-Houston 8% 1994	99.50	144.06
Lear Petroleum 8% 1989	81.00	44.25
Morgan J.P. 4¼% 1987	138.00	-1.76
Revlon 4¼% 1987	99.50	13.00
Sperry Rand 4¼% 1988	99.50	27.00
Warner Lambert 4¼% 1987	91.00	38.65
Xerox 5% 1988	84.00	199.57

DEUTSCHMARK ISSUES	Price	Yld
Caisse Nat Tele 7¼% 1993	98.37	7.99
E.E.C 8% 1994	101.50	7.79

FLOATING RATE NOTES	Price	Current Yield
Standard & Chart 1984	100.50	10.32
I.B.J. 1985	100.45	10.39
Offshore Mining 1986	99.95	9.32
Midland Bank 1987	100.45	10.14
Credit National 1988	99.00	9.28
G.Z.B. 1989	100.00	9.69
Barclays Bank 1990	100.85	10.29
B.N.P. 1991	99.40	9.75
Midland Bank 1992	100.75	10.11
Chase Manhattan 1993	100.20	9.79
Nat West 1994	100.10	10.49
Barclays Bank 1995	100.95	9.84

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Unlisted Securities Market review

Rights issue planned for Charles Booth relaunch

Dealings are expected to resume later this month in Charles Booth, the former engineering company which overnight turned its hand to the property market with the help of Hunting Gibson and the Dutch bank Friesch Groningsche Hypotheebank.

After a six-week absence the shares are expected to open around the 30p level compared with the suspension price of 18½p. This comes after the completion of the reverse takeover by New England Estates, a much bigger private company headed by Mr Ian Percy, and another member of the Hunting Gibson stable.

Booth is issuing 15.3 million shares, almost double the 7.6 million currently quoted on the USM market and valuing NEE at £2.8 million. The combined property assets of the new company have been valued at £6.13m.

After completion of the deal the principal shareholders in Charles Booth will be Hunting Gibson with 45.17 per cent and FGH with 23.49 per cent of the equity. But to maintain the USM quote Hunting and FGH will be placing 638,000 shares in the market.

At the same time, the new group is raising £1.1m by way of a rights issue of 10 per cent unsecured convertible loan stock 1990.

Mr Percy said the extra cash will be used to maintain the group's property and investment programme. "We hope to develop at least two or three major property schemes a year", he said.

Most of New England's previous property deals, which include developments in Aberdeen, Basingstoke and St James's, London, have been financed by FGH, Holland's biggest mortgage bank.

If Booth's shares return at around 30p it will give the group a total market capitalization of £2.3m. The group joined the USM in December after brokers Roberts Wigram placed the 6 million shares at around 13p.

The shares of Intervision Video, Britain's largest independent video group, were introduced on to the USM on Thursday. The shares ceased trading uder the Hill, Woolgar banner the previous Friday and closed at 55p. At this level on pretax profits in 1982 of £666,000, the fully taxed, fully diluted earnings multiple was a hefty 30. But the market's interest was sufficient to boost the shares another 5p to 60p before closing at 54p.

Intervision has had a patchy and colourful history. Last summer it bought film distributor Alpha Films and promised it would make £900,000 pretax for the year, which it failed to do. Mr John Bentley, its chairman, resigned soon after. But he kept a 2 per cent stake. He has subsequently become involved with fellow USM stock, property group Yelverton.

But Mr Bev Ripley, the managing director, is confident that current year profits will be a great improvement on last year's. Intervision has 500 video fim titles which it sells to the 1,500 video outlets throughout the country.

Intervision has recently launched a family film, *Roar*, about big cats, and it is very pleased with sales of a low budget movie *Evil Dead*.

Mr Ripley is, however, doubtful about the long-term video prospects for the company. Thus Intervision will be diversifying into new fields including TV mail order, and Alpha Films may present some opportunities in the film industry. Currently Intervision has plenty of cash – over £500,000 – and 3,000 shareholders.

One of the best performances of the week was **Good Relations**, an original member of the USM back in November 1981. Last week it announced a 90 per cent leap in pretax profits to £500,000 – some £50,000 above the most optimistic market predictions.

Not a bad performance during a period of recession. Mr Anthony Good, chairman and founder, says he has been forced to turn business away. Among its leading clients are Philips Lamps, Avis, the car rental group, and Thomas Cook, the travel agents.

Last week it also bought Abel Hadden Associates, the London-based consumer public relations consultants, for £70,000. To pay for the acquisition it is issuing an extra 35,000 shares. The group is also proceeding with a share option scheme to offer more incentivess to its executives.

Benson's Crisps, the result of a management buyout from the now defunct Empress Products, is soon to make its USM debut. Brokers Capel-Cure Myers are to place 720,000 shares in the Lancashire-based company at an as yet undisclosed price. Since 1979 sales have grown from £951,000 to £3.8m and pretax profits last year were £402,000. The group hopes to expand its 8 per cent share of the North-west market

Micro Business Systems, the computer terminal distributor, is expected to produce almost doubled profits in 1983, at around £1.5m. The company, whose chairman, Mr Clive Richards, was group finance director at Rothschilds, and before that managing partner at Wedd Durlacher, the jobbers, has produced some impressive figures. This week it announced pretax profit up from £250,000 to £821,000. The dividend for 1982 is 1p, but could be 2.25p net this year. The price earnings ratio is not particularly demanding at 16 times, although it came to the market last November at 23 times.

Aerosol valve manufacturer **Bespak** merits attention on two counts. First, sales of its valves to Glaxo for use with Ventolin, the anti-asthma drug, have been growing fast.

Secondly, the use of the valve in fire extinguishers, especially in the United States looks very promising. The company could make £1.4m in this financial year, up £150,000 on its forecasts, and £1.8m next year. The p/e ratio at 16½ times on the actual tax charge does not look expensive.

Dealers are becoming increasingly confident that Fitch & Co, the design consultants, will easily exceed its original profits forecast of £825,000.

The figures expected next week should reveal pretax profits of at least £850,000 compared with £707,000 last year. At the half-way stage the group reported profits of £366,000. The shares rose 10p to 290p, valuing the company at £22m. This compares favourably with the 150p the shares were offered at on its debut to the USM last October when brokers Cazenove placed 693,000 with institutions.

Close observers are also looking for a further improvement in the current year. Details are hoped for shortly of the group being awarded a contract to redesign Burton Group's entire chain of 65 Top Shops over the next 18 months.

Michael Clark

APPOINTMENTS

Mining equipment group names director-general

Mr Harold Rhodes, director of Overseas Mining and of British Coal International, has been released by the National Coal Board to become the first full-time director-general of the Association of British Mining Equipment Companies.

Mr J. W. Baker has been appointed deputy chairman of Telephone Cables Limited (TCL). **Mr M. J. Spoor**, commercial director, will succeed him as managing director.

Mr J. A. Morgan, general manager of BR Pension Funds, and **Mr Philip Ling**, group managing director of London & Midland Industrials, have been appointed to the board of Sealink UK.

Mr Philip Bell, managing director of Crendon Timber Components, has joined the board of James Davis (Holdings).

Mr Andrew Hilton and **Mr Paul Viney** become directors of Phillips, the fine art auctioneers.

Mr Gordon V. Bayley and **Mr Martin R. Harris** have been appointed directors of TR Industrial and General Trust.

Mr R. O. Davies has been appointed managing director of Thomson Travel, **Mr M. D. Knight** becomes the company secretary, and **Mr M. S. Mander** managing director of International Thomson Publishing.

Mr Ken Fordham, previously managing director of Austin Knight, takes over the group chairmanship. **Mr Tim Gibbon**, who runs Austin Knight, T. G. & K., and Sobel Advertising, becomes vice-chairman. Two new companies are being set up to manage the advertising business in Britain – Austin Knight Advertising for London and the South East with **Mr Terry Mallott** as managing director; Austin Knight Advertising UK for all the regional activities, with **Mr John Ratcliffe** as managing director.

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Stock	Per Cent		Buying Price	Yields Flat	GRY
DEBENTURE STOCKS					
Allied-Ly.	7	88/93	75	9.59	11.29
Bass	8	87/92	81	10.09	11.45
BICC	7	90/95	72	10.18	11.34
Blue Circle	9	92/97	84	10.73	11.33
Courtaulds	7	82/87	83	8.41	12.53
Delta Gp.	10	95/99	89	11.94	12.16
Eng. Prop.	9	97/02	89	11.63	11.88
Eust. Cen	10.4	92/97	90	11.56	11.87
F.F.I.(UK)	7	89/92	77	9.63	11.55
Land Secs.	8	96/01	80	11.25	11.66
MEPC	12	17	101	11.89	11.88
Trusthse.	10	91/96	90	11.88	12.24
UNSECURED LOANS					
Allied-Ly.	7	93/98	71	10.83	11.76
BOC Grp	12	12/17	95	12.80	12.80
Barcl. Bk.	16	02/07	120	13.14	12.82
Burmah Oil	8	91/96	73	12.23	13.47
Imp. Brew.	10	90/95	92	11.58	11.97
Distillers	7	88/93	71	10.03	12.10
Distillers	10	93/98	89	11.70	11.97
Guard. R.	7	86/91	76	9.42	11.82
Imp.Chem.	7	86/91	77	9.88	12.21
Imp. Chem.	10	91/96	93	11.73	12.21
Imp. Group	10	90/95	89*	11.89	12.09
Midl. Bank	14	02/07	112	13.06	12.97
Nat. West.	12	04	26	12.59	12.60
Reed Inter.	7	96/01	67	11.15	11.97
Tilling	8	89/94	80	11.09	12.35
Unilever	7	91/06	69	11.42	11.84
Whitbrd.	7	96/99	66*	10.78	11.80
BULLDOGS					
Denmark	13	05	99	13.53	13.55
EdF	12	08	97	12.92	12.94
Hyd-Q	12	15	94	13.54	13.54
Nova S	16	11	121	13.60	13.53
CNA	16	06	125	13.20	13.07
TrnsCn	16	07	117	14.17	14.08
CFF	14	07	112	13.07	13.00

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Habitat M.	9	96/01	185*	4.986	3.7
Hanson T.	9	01/06	195	4.872	-4.7
Imp.Group	8	85/90	85*	9.101	0.2
Midl. Bank	7	83/93	75	9.977	-1.9
Rio Tinto	9	95/00	114	8.298	12.2
Thorn EMI	7	92/89	137	7.291	13.3
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4,465	Ass Brit Ind Ord	134	−3	6.4	4.8	7.8	10.2
–	Ass Brit Ind CULS	150	−3	10.0	6.7	–	–
3,647	Airsprung Group	63	–	6.1	9.7	18.0	18.0
800	Armitage & Rhodes	32	–	4.3	13.4	3.6	6.3
19,063	Bardon Hill	312	+2	11.4	3.7	13.1	16.5
1,713	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	137	+4	15.7	11.5	–	–
3,320	Cindico Group	210	–	17.6	8.4	–	–
4,024	Deborah Services	52	–	6.0	11.5	3.4	9.3
6,020	Frank Horsell	92	+3	–	–	7.7	8.2
–	Frank Horsell PrOrd87	90½	+3	8.7	9.6	10.1	10.8
8,957	Frederick Parker	62	1	7.1	11.5	3.9	6.2
627	George Blair	34	–	–	–	5.9	12.3
3,168	Ind Prec Castings	78	+1	7.3	9.4	10.0	12.6
3,744	Isis Conv Pref	156	−1	15.7	10.1	–	–
3,618	Jackson Group	143	–	7.5	5.2	4.4	9.1
27,880	James Burrough	202	+4	9.6	4.8	14.7	16.4
1,510	Robert Jenkins	148	−2	20.0	13.5	1.6	23.5
3,600	Scruttons "A"	70	−1	5.7	8.1	9.1	10.9
2,734	Torday & Carlisle	112	–	11.4	10.2	5.0	8.6
4,004	Unilock Holdings	25½	−1½	0.46	1.8	–	–
8,159	Walter Alexander	64	−2	6.4	10.0	4.6	6.6
6,138	W. S. Yeates	263xd	−4	17.1	6.5	4.1	8.4

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Software revolution/Talking and listening

When speaking is easier than hearing

Some 1,500 computer scientists, acoustics engineers, speech researchers and linguists will gather in Boston, Massachussetts, in ten days' time.

They will come together to listen to the presentation of 400 papers under the conference heading of the International Conference on Accounts, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP).

It is the eighth conference to be presented by the US-based Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and it brings together people from many disciplines to discuss advances in the field.

Not surprisingly, the conference is dominated by the computerization aspects of speech and signal processing.

The highly international flavour of the conference also serves as a pointer as to how far the technologists have advanced in cracking that most elusive of problems – the precise definition of speech.

Ever since the carefully-modulated tones of Arthur C Clarke's HAL computer in *2001 A Space Odyssey* first suggested that computers would be capable of speech and, even more importantly, of "listening", it has been a challenge which has captured the imagination.

If only computers could obey oral orders and speak their answers to us, then a lot more of us could probably see some use for them.

Speech output from computers has been around for some time and is relatively simple, compared with understanding speech by computer.

True speech synthesisers – as opposed to the digital recording of a human voice which is then played back – emerged in the mid 1970s with such devices as the Kursweil reading machine. This machine could scan a piece of printed matter and synthesize sounds which resembled human speech. It has found a useful home in many US libraries, where it allows blind people access to the written word without recourse to the Braille system.

Similarly, speech synthesis devices have also been supplied as an extra with some computer terminals to aid the partially-sighted. IBM launched such a terminal a couple of years ago and other manufacturers have followed suit.

But the real breakthrough in synthesis devices came from an unexpected quarter.

Texas Instruments introduced a range of teaching aids for children in the late 1970s which included speech synthesis. Among them was the Speak 'n' Spell – by far the most successful commercial application of speech synthesis – a device to help children learn how to spell, albeit in American English.

In fact, the Speak 'n' Spell was the tip of the iceberg for Texas Instruments. It has invested vast resources in researching speech synthesis and recognition as a means of improving interaction between machines and people. The company is a leading manufacturer of chips for speech synthesis applications and supplies other firms working in the field.

Torch, the Cambridge-based UK microcomputer builder, has included a Texas Instruments chip in its business micro, called the Torch. Mr Roy Anderson, the company's software director, is enthusiastic about the use of speech synthesis to make computers easier to use.

'It could be rather embarrassing in an office if the machine always tells people off for getting things wrong'

"We can see a lot of potential for combining speech output and graphics," he said, "but you must be careful how you use speech output. For example, it is not a good idea to use it to highlight errors perpetrated by the computer user. It could be rather embarassing in an office environment to have the machines consistantly telling people off for getting things wrong."

The Torch has been used in experiments into the even more complex speech recognition process. The UK software house, Logica, used the Torch as a front end for its Logos machine – one of the most advanced products of its type. The Logos can recognize so called "continuous" speech – in other words, it can, with certain limitations, handle the way that human beings speak.

The limitations of the Logos give some indication of the difficulty of speech recognition. The major limitations is the size of the vocabulary it can recognize – around 800 words – and the need to identify the speaker to the system.

The problem of speaker identification is common to all speech recognition devices. The system requires "training" with the person who operates it, so that it can store up a kind of voice print.

The most successful recorded work in this area so far has been done by IBM. It has developed a continuous speech recogniser with a vocabulary of some 1,000 words achieving a reasonably acceptable level of accuracy. However, the system has to know who is speaking to it, and the subject matter; in other words, it needs to know the context of the conversation.

The standard example used by researchers to illustrate this problem is the difference between "the grey tape" and the "great ape". For a computerized speech recognizer to tell the difference between these two phrases, it must be aware of the context. There is no audible difference between the phrases when spoken.

This example raises a question which is being debated with some enthusiasm in speech research: Do you first need to understand what is being said before it can be "recognized", or do you need to to recognize the words before the machine can be brought to understand it?

It does depend on the priorities of the application. In the case of a voice-activated typewriter – said by some US pundits to be the direction in which IBM is hoping to go – the priority is in recognizing the words exactly. The actual meaning of the words is not relevant unless it helps in identifying them.

In the more exciting applications, where a computer can be commanded to follow some task via a spoken word or phrase, the words are not all that relevant as long as the machine can "understand" the intent.

Philip Manchester

GPs get just what the doctor ordered



Dr Norman Stoddart, a Nottingham GP, has been appointed the first ICI Computer Fellow by the Royal College of General Practitioners to advise GPs on all aspects of computer use, writes **Philippa Toomey**. ICI Pharmaceuticals has sponsored this new post and the RCGP chose Dr Stoddart because of his extensive experience with medical programs on the computer in Nottingham, where he has a practice with four partners. An RCGP report in 1980 recognized that GPs could benefit greatly from computers by using them during consultations with patients. A terminal could give immediate information on the use and abuse of drugs, differential diagnosis for the patient's condition, appropriate investigations, and guidelines for management of the diagnosed disease. Dr Stoddart will now keep doctors informed on computers through a series of regional college meetings and seminars. A secretariat has been set up at the Royal College to support his work and to ensure that he is accessible to doctors.

The games people play

Armageddon in your living room

Why wait for the Third World War when you can enjoy all the excitement of the nuclear holocaust in the comfort of your own home? Britain's growing army of home computer enthusiasts need no longer confine their video wars to space. Nukewar, for instance, simulates a confrontation between two super-powers. You must "defend your country by massive espionage efforts, or by building jet fighter bombers, missiles, submarines, and anti-ballistic missiles".

If you like your nuclear combatants to be more specific than two hypothetical "super-powers" then B1 Nuclear Bomber may be more to your liking. You are the pilot of a B1 bomber on a mission over the Soviet Union says the brochure for Avalon Hill's latest collection of games. "You must fly through stiff Russian defences to the target city, bomb it and return home".

B1 Nuclear Bomber is not to be confused with B17 Bomber, the new video game from Mattel, the giant American toy firm, which enables you to take part in a bombing raid over Germany at the height of the Second World War.

Not all the video game nasties are simulations of actual events. For example, Communist Mutants From Space merely challenges you to pick off the alien reds that are falling out of the sky in space invader fashion.

The computer generation currently being weaned on such games as Communist Mutants must also have a correct interpretation of history. Games like VC (for Viet Cong) will help here: "You have the task of bringing the civilian population under your protection where the enemy can hide among the people, and where the politics of terrorism and friendship can turn the people you want to save, against you . . . VC faithfully recreates this struggle in which you can lose without ever being defeated."

A recent survey conducted by the American trade magazine Playmeter found that Americans last year spent more money on video and computer games than they did on records and films put together. Given the enormous number of new releases, it is not surprising that some of them will be near the knuckle.

But if violence is not your bag, there are computer sex games in Strip Poker, two model girls called Susy and Melissa lose their clothes on the turn of the cards.

Sex is not new to computer games. America has a magazine devoted to the subject and a quarterly publication entitled The Dirty Book.

A typical game is Softporn Adventure in which the player must find and seduce three girls in a casino. Money is the key to success. The more the player wins at the tables, the more he can spend at the bar, the greater his attraction to the countless beautiul blondes with Californian suntans who abound in this computerized casino.

Slightly up-market is Interlude which exhorts you to let "electronics whizz David Brown computerize your sex life". No idle piece of titillation this. The serious sex experts at *Forum Magazine* are all for Interlude.

The women's movement is not entirely happy about this new wave of hi-tech porn and two enterprising feminists have hit back with their own computer game. Love – subtitled, "a game for women by women" – reverses the theme of Softporn Adventure. The women must seduce the men.

There has been oppostion to "blue" video games in America. At a recent press conference to launch a game called Custer's Revenge, which includes a scene in which a Red Indian woman is raped, the manufacturers faced demonstrators from the National Organization of Women and the Red Indian community.

But the strongest opposition is likely to be from the large video games manfacturers themselves, who are anxious to promote the image of a "family product".

In America, Atari is suing the manufacturers of Custer's Revenge, which runs on Atari's video games centre, and a UK executive of the company "totally disassociated" the firm from the games which it feels are in poor taste.

Eugene Lacey

The author is a staff writer on Computer and Video Games.

Letter

Head in the sand

● *From Derek Friend, principal lecturer in statistics, School of Social Sciences and Business Studies, The Polytechnic of Central London:*

This school has had a trickle of students arriving with a knowledge of computer studies. With the advent of the micro-computer in schools and homes, this trickle should become a flood. Your leader on computing suggests that what happens in the future depends on local authorities. From my personal experience it also depends on the attitude of head teachers.

My son's school has a large number of micro-computers. My son is in his fifth term but has yet to be taken into the computer room by a teacher to use a computer. The headmaster refuses to provide a course so that children can enter O-level computer studies in the fifth year. I have sophisticated computer equipment in my home and I have sufficient knowledge of computing to teach my son to O-level standard. I have tried to enter my son as a private candidate. The Associated Examining Board accept that there is a demand; but the large increase in home computers was not envisaged when it drew up examination regulations for computer studies.

At present a candidate for computer studies has to be registered at a centre and the practical work (which carries 20 per cent of the O-level marks) marked by the centre. When the practical work is done at home this obviously poses a problem – has the work been all done by the parent?

Going it alone

Turning the tables on a computer

Peter Kyle is a chartered accountant who has twice in the last five years been made redundant by companies where a computer was brought in to streamline operations.

Mr Kyle, however, does not blame the computer for his misfortunes – in fact, he sees the computer giving him a chance to avoid redundancy a third time.

Thanks to his efforts to understand the new technology, he is now operating a one-man computer accounting service to small firms near his home in Sanderstead, south London.

He has been a systems accountant working with the computer department of a large department store, and later, after five months' unemployment, with a small but rapidly growing life assurance company.

In his first job, he says, it was office politics rather than the computer that lost him his job during a reorganization. In the second, his firm was taken over by a bigger company that simply did not need an extra accountant.

But more and more small firms and professional practices, he reasons, do need extra help with book-keeping – whether or not they have accountants. So from his home, Mr Kyle is operating Barrowsfield Computer Services (named after the house), a one-man computer bureau based on his Tandy Model One microcomputer system.

How then, after his two experiences of redundancy involving computerized firms, does he see his own computer horizons?

"I'm beginning to see the computer as giving me an element of freedom, providing I can get the message across", Mr Kyle says. The freedom is that of "being one's own business", and the message is that "the computer can do a very simple and effective job without the sort of complexity that has been attached to it in the past".

What happened is that having learnt about and worked with computers in his store job, he bought a rather basic machine three years ago. He has been adding to it ever since. The assurance company, however, had a manual accounting system when he joined it, although later he persuaded them to buy a computer – the same model as his own.

Mr Kyle said: "I had been pottering in and out of computer shops for some time because home computers were coming in. Initially I was interested only in learning more, but in the summer of 1979 I actually put one of our company's jobs on my micro. Business was increasing so fast there was no other way of coping other than hiring more staff.

"Later that year, the firm got the same model. I then found myself running my own computer to develop the program, then running them at the office and also bringing work home and doing it on my computer."

In late 1981, without a job once more, it was to his own computer that he eventually turned.

Not that Mr Kyle's Tandy has ceased to be a home computer. It helps with the letting of a bungalow he owns in the New Forest. "I have a word-processing programme for the computer and all I need to do when somebody wants details of the property is to pull up the standard letter, type in their name and address and – there's the letter off to them", he said.

He is also accountant for his local church, All Saints, Sanderstead, and recently was able to produce annual accounts within days of the bank statements being available.

"We have around 100 items of analysis – that's about 10 headings for different kinds of giving, there's another 10 transactions to do with the hall, and about 30 headings for different sorts of expenditure.

"I just entered it all in transaction order, then told the thing to sort it out in account number order and then, 10 minutes later, I knew how much had been given or spent on each account. To keep track of all those on a manual system used to be really hairy."

He acknowledges that some small business people will acquire microcomputers themselves, and so may not need computer bureau services. On the other hand, he says, some would be unable to keep a microcomputer fully loaded, and "there are an awful lot who don't want the bother".

But, I asked, is there not some prospect that the twice-redundant Mr Kyle and his computer services bureau might now help put other people out of work?

Mr Kyle said: "Very often what the computer can do is something you wouldn't hire anyone to do anyway – you would just try to fit it in with everything else. If the computer can get on with it without your bothering, that's fine."

Ross Davies

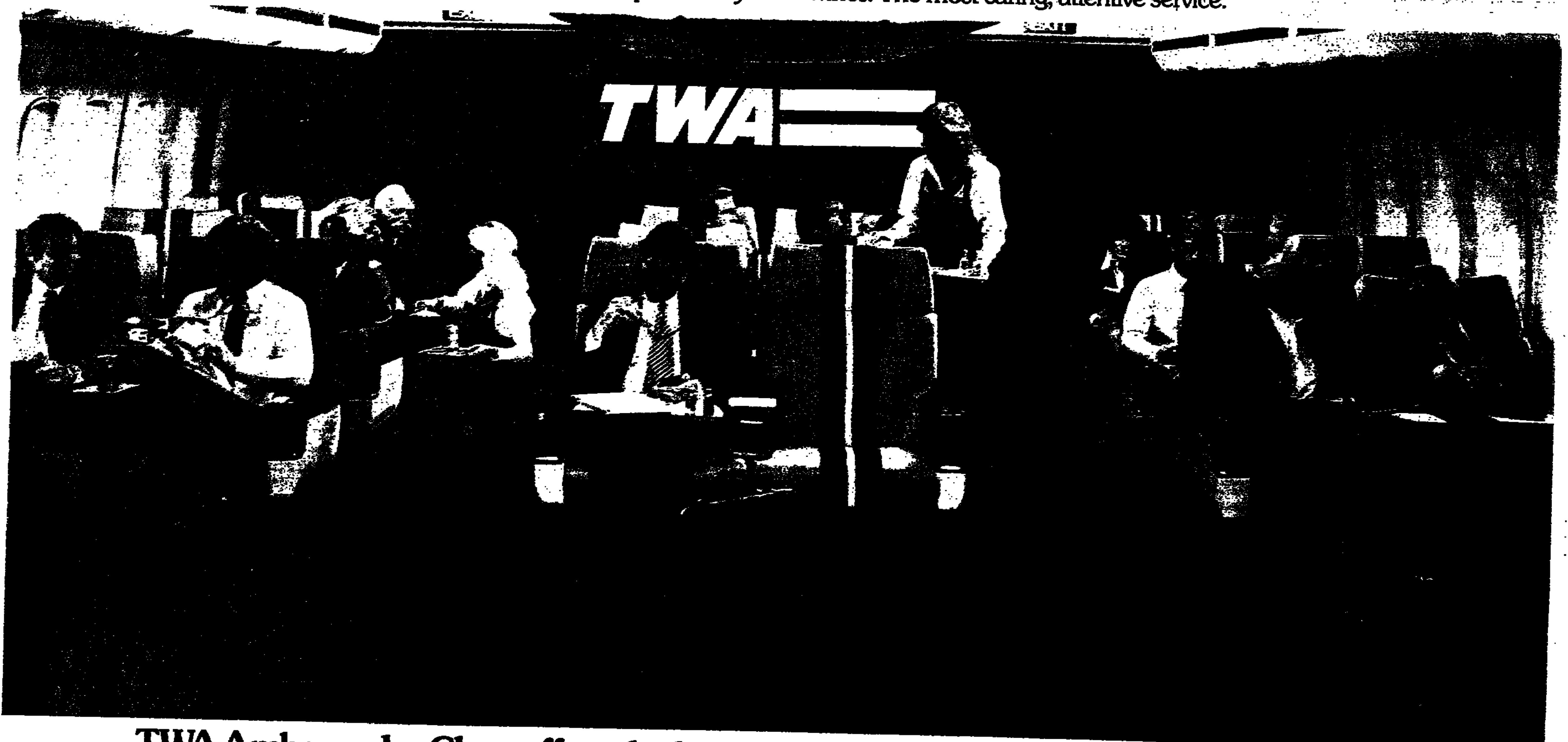


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FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL AND TOTTENHAM ENJOY A HOLIDAY GOAL BONUS

City surrender after token resistance

By Peter Ball

Manchester City 0
Liverpool 4

If the definition of the perfect war is meeting the Italians outside Paris in the spring, Liverpool know its football equivalent: it is meeting Manchester City at Maine Road. Their last four visits in the League have produced four wins with a goal tally of [illegible] and yesterday they maintained their average to leave [illegible] looking [illegible] at the [illegible] them.

So, [illegible] relegation [illegible] win at West Bromwich [illegible] Saturday, their first in the 10 [illegible] John Benson [illegible] did not after all [illegible] of a recovery. [illegible] was illustrated [illegible] when Williams became the first City player to touch the ball which he saved desperately with his knees after a move involving [illegible] passes ended with [illegible] shot. By the interval, when Liverpool were two up, the gap between the teams seemed even wider than the 36 points separating them.

In spite of the scoreline it was not one of Liverpool's classic displays. It did not need to be, for once they had taken the lead, Souness driving home from 20 yards, City offered only token resistance. Although Cross fought a lone campaign at the front, their hopes [illegible] [illegible] one of Grobbelaar's [illegible] account.

The goalkeeper went through his repertoire, missing and mispunching crosses, throwing and kicking straight to a nearby blue shirt and, for his *piece de resistance*, allowing a straightforward low shot from Hartford to escape his grasp. Even then City could not score. When Hartford's shot looped off Grobbelaar's body to fall on top of the net, City must have realised they were not to break a sequence which leaves Brian Greenhoff as the last Manchester player to score against Liverpool on this ground, when he did so for United in the FA Cup semi-final of 1979.

Liverpool had no such problems, although the thought that had Rush played the scoreline might have been doubled. His deputy, Fairclough, scored twice, and was unlucky with a third shot which hit the post as he took advantage of several slips by uncertain defenders, but the greater sharpness and accuracy of the Welshman could have reaped greater reward.

As it was, until a flurry in the last few minutes brought Fairclough's second, then a thundering shot from Kennedy, Liverpool had seemed content to settle for the two-goal lead they held at the interval. They knew it was enough.

MANCHESTER CITY: A Williams; R Ranson, P Power, R Reid, K Bond, T Caton, S Kinsey, K Reeves, D Cross, A Hartford, G Baker. (sub., A May).

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, K Dalglish, S Lee, D Fairclough, C Johnston, G Souness.

Referee: K Baker (Rugby).

Cannons silenced in 1912 overture

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Tottenham Hotspur 5
Arsenal 0

It was not so much a famous victory for Tottenham Hotspur, more an embarassing humiliation for Arsenal. They were three down within 18 minutes, fortunate that the total was not doubled by the interval, conceded two more afterwards and lost their captain, O'Leary, with an ankle injury midway through the second half.

Only once before, in 1912, have Arsenal suffered a similarly heavy defeat at White Hart Lane. Keith Burkinshaw, the Spurs manager, more readily recalled the score five years ago. "They did us 5-0 here in my first year as manager in the first division and it hurt a bit. You don't sleep easily after results like that."

Burkinshaw was also in despair after Saturday's late collapse at Brighton but one particular moment yesterday delighted him. Falco's stunning volley, a Brazilian dream from Gibson's early cross in the thirteenth minute was "the best goal I've seen for a long time and pleased me more than anything else this season because they're both home-grown players."

Tottenham, without the suspended Perryman and the injured Hoddle, Villa and Ardiles, lined up effectively with five strikers, an *adventurous move that was perhaps* too alien for Arsenal to comprehend. Even so it was a full back, Hughton, who began the rout, the ball bobbling in from his second wild miskick.

Hughton added the third as well and, if Brazil had not scorned several opportunities to score his first goal for his new club until after the hour, Arsenal's defence would have been in even deeper chaos. As it was, the uncertain Whyte was replaced during the interval and the ebullient Robson was booked yet again.



Woodcock as a bird of prey: the Arsenal man harries Miller. (Photograph by John Evans).

Wood, cruelly taunted throughout by Tottenham's biggest crowd of the season (43,642), was at fault only for the fourth. Although *Miller's free-kick was launched from a distance of 60 yards, Falco* was left unchallenged, with the equally generous permission of Talbot, to volley home with less spectacular precision.

The only threat to Tottenham's defence, not surprisingly in the one-sided circumstances, was provided by their captain, Roberts. Unaware that his goalkeeper was exercising at the other extremity of his area, he inadvertently tested Clemence's sprinting ability. The audience merely laughed.

Not so Terry Neill, Arsenal's *manager. In clearly restraining his* criticism of a side that yielded "total control", he described their performance as "simply not good enough and something will have to be done." More poignantly, he added: "We haven't a moment to lose".

O'Leary damaged the ankle that kept him out for several weeks recently. Last night it was encased in plaster. Neill was more concerned about *the player's fitness for* Saturday. The subsequent FA Cup semi-final against Manchester *United a week later was almost too* much for him to contemplate.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence, C Hughton, C O'Reilly, G Roberts, P Miller, T Gibson, G Mabbutt, S Archibald, A Galvin, A Brazil, M Falco.

ARSENAL: G Wood, S Robson, K Sansom, C Whyte (sub. V Petrovic), D O'Leary, P N[illegible], B Talbot, P Davis, A Sunderland, A Woodcock, G Rix.

Referee: A Robinson (Hampshire).

Thijssen shows up those around him

By Simon O'Hagan

Norwich City 0
Ipswich Town 0

A [illegible] passionate [illegible] at Carrow Road yesterday [illegible] an Easter weekend in which Norwich City probably did just enough to avoid relegation. [illegible] the win at Luton on Saturday, and this slugging match [illegible] their local rivals will have [illegible] the sinews and [illegible] the struggles that lie ahead.

Norwich's performance was characteristic of a team [illegible] with commitment erring on the side of over-[illegible] and the [illegible] the ball [illegible] more important than [illegible] that might [illegible] afterwards. They [illegible] have left the field grateful to [illegible] a point.

Ipswich's ability simply to play at their own pace was a potent weapon [illegible] a day when the tackling was what [illegible] euphemistically described as committed and the running frantic.

The man who exemplified what [illegible] means was [illegible] Ipswich's Dutch midfield [illegible] in his last game for the club before joining Vancouver Whitecaps. He will surely welcome the [illegible] atmosphere of the North American Soccer League after [illegible] as this. At times his [illegible] control underlined the [illegible] shortcomings of those around [illegible] on other occasions he ad no [illegible] but to stand back as the [illegible] rushed by.

He left the pitch to a makeshift guard of honour formed by his team. Afterwards, his manager, Bobby Ferguson, paid tribute by describing his skills as the kind you only see on a football field once every 25 years.

Sentiment cried for a goal from Thijssen to [illegible] career in the English game. But only 20 minutes had passed when it became clear that a goal from anybody would have been welcome. Amid the hurly-burly hardly a shot was attempted. Thijssen created a fine chance for Wark in the 25th minute with a lob over the defence, but the pugnacious Haylock cleared the danger. It was not until the second half that either goalkeeper had anything more strenuous to do than keep warm [illegible].

In the 57th minute, Channon beat three men at the byline and pushed the ball into the path of Deehan. With only Cooper to beat, he [illegible] the ball against the Ipswich goalkeeper's legs. Woods was destined for a more active time as Ipswich, and in particular Mariner, began to impose themselves on the game. Twice Mariner forced Woods to outstanding saves, first with a left-footed drive low to the near post, and then with a venomous header. Norwich managed a late rally, but Cooper dealt comfortably with long-range shots from Bertschin and O'Neill.

NORWICH CITY: C Woods, [illegible]

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper, [illegible] O'Callaghan.

Referee: [illegible]

Antic sent off

Watford 5 — Luton 2

Luton slipped further towards relegation with their defeat at Watford, and to make matters worse, had their Yugoslav Raddy Antic sent off for a foul in the 60th minute after he had been cautioned earlier for dissent.

Luther Blissett gave Watford a seventh minute lead, but Trevor Aylott and Brian Horton put Luton ahead before Richard Jobson, aged 18, equalized in the 42nd minute with his first goal for Watford.

Watford struck twice in a minute in the second half with Blissett converting a penalty in the 49th minute and John Barnes then deflecting a back pass. After Antic was dismissed, Watford scored a fifth through Nigel Callaghan.

Aston Villa 1 — Birmingham C 0

Gary Shaw's twentieth goal of the season gave Aston Villa victory over their relegation troubled neighbours Birmingham City. It seemed as if Birmingham would keep a clean sheet against them for the second time this season until Shaw raced on to a pass from Peter Withe seven minutes from the end and sidefooted his shot past Tony Coton.

Notts City 2 — West Bromwich 2

An 85th minute penalty from Trevor Christie gave Notts County a victory over West Bromwich Albion which eased their relegation problem. Albion had taken the lead through Garry Thompson after eight minutes, his fifth goal in seven matches, but County pulled level thanks to Iain McCulloch.

County made sure of [illegible] points five minutes from the end when the Baggies' full-back Derek Statham handled in the box for Christie to score from the penalty spot.

Everton 3 — Stoke 1

Two goals from Kevin Sheedy put Everton back in winning form against a below-strength Stoke [illegible] [illegible]

Sunderland 0 — Man United 0

Manchester United had goalkeeper Jeff Wealands, who is on loan, to thank for a point in a game of missed chances. [illegible]

Derby reach a safer position

Derby County 2 — Newcastle 1

Derby moved out of the relegation positions with a hard-earned victory, which continues *their remarkable unbeaten run*. They looked to have the game settled by half-time when they led 2-*0, but Newcastle, inspired by Kevin* Keegan, forced their way back into the game and came close to snatching a point.

Heavy rain turned the pitch into a quagmire, and the conditions contributed to Derby's first goal when Carney slipped, allowing Wilson to score from just inside the penalty area after 17 minutes. Hooks added the second goal just two minutes before the interval after the Newcastle defence had been deceived by a deflection.

Newcastle pulled a goal back in the sixtieth minute. Keegan chipped over the defensive wall and Waddle *hooked the ball past Cherry*.



Keegan: set up goal

Wolves 2 — Shrewsbury 2

Shrewsbury staged a fighting comeback to stun Wolverhampton Wanderers after the home side had coasted into a two goal lead.

Two goals in four first half minutes by Palmer, from a penalty, and Eves put Wolves in a good position. But Shrewsbury, through Bates after 35 minutes, recovered with only seven minutes remaining. Bates struck again, heading home a cross from Wayne Williams.

Sheffield Wedsy. 0 — Barnsley 1

Ronnie Glavin, the substitute, snatched victory for Barnsley six minutes from the end against their south Yorkshire rivals. With promotion only the remotest possibility, it was a case of local pride for both clubs, and there was plenty of determination, but few chances in a dour battle which produced six bookings.

For the FA Cup semi-finalists, Wednesday, there were few pointers to Wembley, though their goalkeeper, Bolder, usually looked safe and Shelton worked tirelessly. The home forwards were worried out of their stride by the quick-tackling Barnsley defenders.

Blackburn 2 Burnley 1

Two penalties by Blackburn's Simon Garner put Burnley deeper in relegation trouble in a scrappy local derby marred by disgraceful crowd scenes.

Garner scored his first goal after 58 minutes when Donachie handled Brotherston's cross. His second, after 76 minutes, followed a foul on Flynn on Hamilton. Burnley, who had scarcely raised a serious threat, pulled one goal back through Scott after 84 minutes.

Charlton 2 Crystal Palace 1

Charlton's relegation troubles were slightly eased at the expense of their neighbours, Charlton forced two errors from the [illegible] Palace defence in the first half to go 2-1 up at the interval.

In a second half, full of errors on a heavy pitch, both teams played with their fear of relegation obvious. Even Alan Mullery's gamble of *bringing in Mabbutt for his first game* in five months did not pay off, and the Charlton defence managed to *hold out against the worst attack in* division two.

Charlton takes over as caretaker at Wigan

[illegible] Charlton took over as caretaker manager of Wigan yesterday, the team promptly turned [illegible] Wrexham and [illegible]

[illegible] promotion. [illegible] a few smiles back around the place.

Huddersfield had their promotion chances [illegible] [illegible]

FIFA find new reasons to snub America

The president of the International Football Federation (FIFA), Joao Havelange, has produced further reasons for the rejection of the United States as hosts for the 1986 World Cup finals.

He cited the fact that football is a minor sport in the United States, [illegible] [illegible] World Cup [illegible] in an interview in the French sports paper, *L'Equipe*. The difference in laws from state to state was a further problem.

Mr Havelange said he had full confidence in Mexico's ability to host the World Cup, which he said had a more stable economy than their main rivals for the Cup, Brazil.

He said it was possible that FIFA would make a U-turn and agree to hold the finals in a European country, but only out of desperation. [illegible]

Bryan Robson, the England and Manchester United captain had his first game since injuring his ankle in the League Milk Cup semi-final, [illegible]

Newport win puts them in line for promotion

By Peter Walker

Newport County 1
Cardiff City 0

Newport County, if not exactly sweeping their way to the top of the table, certainly outplayed Cardiff City by a far wider margin than the score suggests. With domination in midfield where Vaughan, Boyle and Lowndes overshadowed their Cardiff counterparts, and plenty of skill and invention from the forwards, Tynan and Aldridge, County could claim with some justification they [illegible] more.

Indeed, in injury time a glancing header by Hemmerman from a Nicholas cross seemed to have salvaged a point for Cardiff, but after a long consultation with the linesman, the referee, Ray Lewis, ruled that Hemmerman had been offside. It must have been a hairline decision.

Amid a flurry of frenzied tackling the number of bookings rose to seven, with two Cardiff men booked for dissent as they left the pitch, but the contest never more violent than might have been feared in a game between teams 12 miles apart and second and third in the table.

The only goal came in the fourteenth minute following the first booking of the game, when Bennett was cautioned for a high tackle on Elsey. Vaughan's [illegible] was headed [illegible] Boyle [illegible] against the post [illegible] but [illegible] was there to stab the rebound home.

[illegible] the [illegible] again Hemmerman was [illegible] offside. [illegible] allowed [illegible] grave injustice [illegible]

In front of their biggest league gate of the season, just over 14,000, they thoroughly deserved to finish their Easter programme with their tenth win in 11 league games. They stand poised to go back into the second division for the first time since 1939.

Newport County: [illegible] Vaughan, K Elsey.

Cardiff City: [illegible] Hemmerman.

Referee: Lewis (Great Bookham).

IN BRIEF

Melia's prediction

The Brighton Manager, Jimmy Melia, who correctly forecast that his team would beat Liverpool and Norwich in the FA Cup, has made another prediction: "We are definitely going to escape relegation," he said after Brighton had scored two goals in the last six minutes to beat Tottenham 2-1 on Saturday.

ATHLETICS: Britain's triple world record holder, Sebastian Coe, won the 6.6km (4.1 miles) Golden Shoe road race at Vigevano, Italy yesterday. Coe, running as a guest in an Italian field, clocked [illegible] to win by two seconds from Gelindo Bordin. It was his second victory in the event, his first win coming in 1980.

DIVING: Kelly McCormick, of the United States produced a spectacular display to win the women's springboard trophy at Crystal Palace in the international against Britain and China yesterday. In the mens' highboard, J Tu, a 14-year-old from China, took on his senior counterparts. His reverse 2½ somersault received six tens and one 9½. He took the title with Britain's Chris Snode third.

CRICKET: Heavy rain washed out the fourth day's play in the third Test between West Indies and India at Georgetown.

BOXING: Eric Gorman, the manager of Lupe Madera, predicted yesterday that the Mexican would knock out the WBA light-flyweight champion, Katsuo Tokashiki, of Japan in Tokyo on Sunday.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bunting's strategy rebounds on Hull

By Keith Macklin

In front of a sea of black and white favours, reminiscent of a Hull home game, Hull went to Castleford yesterday for a repeat of Saturday's Challenge Cup semi-final. The Hull coach, Arthur Bunting, took the risk of making several changes and switches in his large squad, and the tactic rebounded as Castleford took revenge with a convincing 21-16 win which takes them into the top eight.

Although Hull are still favourites for the Cup and championship, this was an unexpected setback, but Castleford deserved their win, producing a fiery and determined second half performance and scoring five tries to two. At half time, it was 10-10, and shortly after the interval a goal from Prendiville put Hull ahead. Then the Castleford forwards, spearheaded by the coach Reilly, Johnson and Ward, tore into the Hull pack, and tries came from Hyde, Joyner and Richardson.

In the first half, Ward and Marchant touched down for Castleford, and Hyde kicked both goals, adding one more goal in the second half. Crooks kicked four goals for Hull, but had a spell off the field injured.

Widnes moved into fourth place with their 11-9 victory at St Helens, but yesterday's greatest interest was in the bottom half of the table where four clubs are fighting to avoid the indignity of being the final club to be relegated, along with Workington Town, Halifax and Carlisle.

Barrow lost ground, beaten 18-14 at Oldham, but the Cup finalists, Featherstone Rovers, romped to a 29-7 win at Halifax, Muscroft and Gilbert getting two tries each. Warrington did their prospects of survival good by beating Leigh at Wilderspool, and Bradford Northern play Leeds today.

The significant result in the second division was Salford's 21-15 beating of Hunslet, who had Johnson sent off. Defeat dragged back Hunslet's promotion hopes.

FIRST DIVISION: Castleford 21, Hull 15; Halifax 7, Featherstone Rovers 29; Oldham 18, Barrow 14; St Helens 9, Widnes 11; Warrington 27, Leigh [illegible].

SECOND DIVISION: Rochdale Hornets 5, Swinton 20; Salford 21, Hunslet 15; York 9, Wakefield Trinity 19. Postponed: Fulham v Huddersfield.

SQUASH RACKETS

Best wins for two teenagers

By Richard Eaton

British squash can do with more days like yesterday's opener at the British Open championships, sponsored by Davies and Tate, at the Carrington Club, Derby. Two teenagers, Jamie Hickox and Zain Saleh, had the finest wins of their careers against well-known overseas players, and the national champion, Gawain Briars, travelling only a dozen miles down the road from his Nottingham home, collected twenty-fifth-birthday cards and a 9-0, 9-4, 9-3 victory over a New Zealander, Craig Blackwood.

Unfortunately Hickox, the British under-19 open champion, and Saleh, from the well-known Walton Hall squad in Yorkshire, face each other in the second round when the championships move to the transparent court at the Assembly Rooms. Both took their opportunities in admirably [illegible] and relaxed fashion against, respectively, Ahmed Safwat, the Egyptian ranked twelfth in the world, and Dardir Khan, an experienced Pakistani whose ranking of 40 does not flatter him.

Hickox's win against Safwat was specially [illegible] because the Egyptian is a seeded player but because at [illegible] retains much of his capacity as one of the world's most [illegible] stroke makers. He won the [illegible]

MOTOR RACING

Gabbiani's correct decision

By Brendan Lynch

The correct choice of tyres and consistent driving ensured that Beppe Gabbiani, of Italy, in a British March car, increased his European formula two championship lead with a clear win in yesterday's second round at the Thruxton circuit in Hampshire.

Mike Thackwell, the young New Zealand driver, who led until his soft-compound tyres deteriorated, finished second ahead of Jonathan Palmer, the Hertfordshire doctor, and his Ralt team mate, who also selected the wrong tyres. Thierry Tassin, the up and coming Belgian driver, was fourth ahead of Philippe Alliot of France and Frank Jelinski of Germany.

The fastest driver in practice, Mike Thackwell, [illegible] the [illegible] when [illegible] tyre [illegible] him to [illegible] the lead [illegible] [illegible]

Palmer: wrong tyres

CRICKET

Pakistan's five-Test tour

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FOR THE RECORD

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First division — Second division — Third division — Fourth division

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ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: [illegible]

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MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: [illegible]

NORTHERN LEAGUE: [illegible]

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: [illegible]

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: [illegible]

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: [illegible]

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: [illegible]

HERTS CHARITY CUP: [illegible]

SURREY SENIOR CUP: [illegible]

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: [illegible]

RUGBY UNION: SPRINGBOK PLAYERS NULLIFIED, REGAL PERFORMANCE FROM EMYR

Barbarians put to the sword by Swansea

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Swansea 58
Barbarians 6

Geoffrey Windsor-Lewis, the Barbarians' secretary, could not remember a worse defeat suffered by his club in its long and distinguished history. Swansea have never had a better victory than this at St Helens yesterday, by six goals, four tries and two penalty goals to two penalties, as the Barbarians, the glamour of Cardiff seeming more like two years than two days away, collapsed to Britain's strongest club side.

The merit of Swansea's victory was emphasized by the absence of two internationals, Richards, their captain, who could yet be fit for the Schweppes Welsh Cup final on April 30, and Wyatt, and Huw Davies, their first choice scrum half. They were not needed; the only area of genuine competition was the set pieces, otherwise a white blanket of Swansea defenders covered the ground. Their mauling was strong and sure, the understanding of their back row total, and the Barbarians, as an attacking force, were obliterated.

Tobias, given room at Cardiff, was an exciting force; here, hagridden by Mark Davies and by Dacey, his game became littered with errors, nothing was seen of Gerber, who was missed out on several moves, and the less said of the other Barbarian backs the better, save only Rose and Douglas, who at least showed determination in their search for open space.

Dacey has matured this season. He has the confidence deriving from his performances for Wales and his threequarters benefitted from the room he had made for them, none more than Emyr, the student from Aberystwyth University on the left wing.

He had a wonderful day, scoring four tries and creating two more. The ball, as it so frequently does on occasions like this, ran his way. Poor Swift on the other wing hardly had a glimpse of the ball, and Emyr's long legs moved him outside and inside defenders so that the Barbarians hardly knew which way to turn.

Both centres, Jenkins and Hopkins, showed the ability to make the break with Hopkins adding goal kicking skills to his repertoire with six conversions and two penalties. There were flickers of a response from Jeavons and Pickering, the Barbarian flankers, but there was never any prospect of the Barbarians winning after they turned round 19–6 down.

They had the benefit of a roaring wind in the first half and could make nothing of it. Swift, Donovan and Roberts scored tries for Swansea and the only response was two penalties from Rose.

The replacement at half-time of Ruddock, a flanker, by Steve Davies, a hooker, made little difference to Swansea's try scoring capacity. Emyr began by stepping inside the cover (such as it was) for his first try, then proved it was no fluke by doing it again after Jenkins had made the initial switch.

Swansea's forwards decided the backs were winning too much glory and rolled John over the line before Emyr was off again, put clear on halfway by Hopkins. Herdman, showing indecent speed for a hooker, crossed before Emyr took Swansea past 1,000 points for the season with his fourth try, leaving Jenkins to score the last. It was as good a way as any to celebrate the announcement that Swansea will be the Welsh merit table champions this season. They looked it.

SWANSEA: A Donovan; A Swift, G Jenkins, K Hopkins, A Emyr; M Dacey, C Hutchings; C Williams, J Herdman, G John, M Ruddock, (rep: S Davis), R Moriarty, B Clegg, M Davies (capt), G Roberts.

BARBARIANS: M Rose (Coventry); J Pollock (Gosforth), J Hewitt (NIFC), D Gerber (Eastern Province), M Bailey (Cambridge University); E Tobias (Boland), M Douglas (Llanelli); I Stephens (Bridgend, capt), W James (Aberavon), I Eidman (Cardiff), N Jeavons (Moseley), C Davis (Newbridge), J Perkins (Pontypool), D Pickering (Llanelli), T Charles (Cardiff).

Referee: W Jones (Ammanford).

Dacey: stealing away on tiptoe.

A West Country baker's dozen

By Alan Gibson

Bath 60
New Brighton 10

Both these clubs are well over 100 years old, though they have not met very often. Bath have been enjoying a very successful season – they reached their 1,000 points last Saturday, against Bristol. New Brighton have not done so well, and the difference of class between the sides was always clear. Bath duly won, by six goals and six tries, to a goal and a try; but New Brighton helped to provide an entertaining afternoon. It was refreshing to see a match in which 70 points were scored, and not one penalty goal.

They had plenty of good ideas, and kept trying to play open rugby right to the end. They scored two good tries, through Doyle (who had a sound game all round) and Johnson (who converted his own). Demming, on the right wing, was another who played well. His run down the touchline, when one false stride would have been fatal, led to Johnson's try. It was a good-tempered game, apart from one silly scuffle in the last few minutes.

But Bath had, as one of their supporters said, employing the local intrusive 'L', nothing to wirral about. The visitors had not the defence to cope with the quality of the Bath backs, almost all of whom are international possibilities, if they have not been picked already.

The tries were scored by Martin (two), Trick, Trevaskis (three), Halliday (two), Palmer, Prosser, Spurrell, and Horton. The conversations were shared among Martin, Palmer and Halliday. Trevaskis has now scored 27 tries this season, only two short of the club record, at present held, jointly, by a correspondent of this newspaper, Derek Wyatt.

Trick's try was a splendid run from halfway, to the accompaniement of a surging roar, not to say shriek, from the younger ones, with which the Bath crowd always greet him when he has the ball in his hands and a little space. But the best bit of all was perhaps when Horton dodged through in the last minute. He had had a hand or foot in most of the others, but this was the first try he had scored himself, all season.

Bath: C Martin; D Trick (rep of Sparkes), J Palmer, S Halliday, B Trevaskis; J Horton, K Prosser; G Chilcott, K Adams, I Davies, J Morrison, A Marriott, R Spurrell (capt), J Hall, R Hakin.

New Brighton: G Jones; R Demming, R Johnson, R Taylor, G Billington; M Doyle, G Williams (capt), S Hutton, M Ford, K Pollard, F Lloyd, M Parker, M Dooley, J Coubrough, P Hesketh.

Referee: A P Thompson (Gloucestershire).

Horton: hand in everything

Newport are in no mood for penalties

By Gerald Davies

Newport 36
London Welsh 18

It may be going too far to suggest, considering the rivalry between the two clubs over the years, that Newport may have been influenced by what happened at Cardiff on Saturday in the Barbarian match, but yesterday they, too, were in no mood to consider such trifling matters as penalties.

They were intent on scoring tries, and although they were late in coming, that is what they eventually did in beating London Welsh in an entertaining match by two goals and six tries to two goals and two penalties.

The first score came easily enough. Within five minutes Callard placed an accurate rubber, kick to the corner and the ball bounced neatly into Robinson's hands for the try. The scores were more difficult to come by after that. Lacking any penetration in midfield their many chances went astray. But if Newport felt able to ignore their penalty opportunities, the London Welsh, clutching at straws, took theirs. They went into the lead briefly when George kicked two of their penalties. Then Newport responded by ignoring their backs for once from a short penalty and allowed their forwards to charge en masse for the line. Rhys Morgan was awarded the try.

To everyone's surprise the half closed with the visitors taking the lead once more. Haydn Davies collected Morgan's misdirected kick out of defence. Davies threw a long pass in field to Ebsworth who dummied and swayed through the Newport defence for a marvellous individual try which George converted.

Newport heeded their mistakes of the first half and throughout the second period most of their attack stemmed from close to their forwards. Rhys Morgan scored his second try, an exact replica of the first, and then Randall charged round the front of the lineout for another. Just as Newport at last were converting their superiority into points and were in a position to run away with the game, London Welsh responded with a try by Hurley after Jones and Bowring had made the running. Georger converted.

In Nigel Callard, though, the home side had a scrum half well able to take advantage at close quarters. He scored three tries

NEWPORT: Mike Morgan; J Robinson, D Pitt, P Blight, C Pook; C Watkins, N Callard; C Smart (capt), M Watkins, Rhys Morgan, D Fryer, K Anderson, D Waters, R Powell, W Rendall.

LONDON WELSH: H Davies; R Lewis, J Williams, N Rees, J Hurley; M Ebsworth, I George; T Jones, R John, B Bradley (capt), K Bowring, R Ford, T Lewis, D Keating (rep J Davies), M Watkins.

Referee: G Davies (Southport).

Pontypool pack in irresistible form

By Nicholas Keith

Leicester 6
Pontypool 20

Pontypool underlined the strength of Welsh rugby with a resounding win at Welford Road yesterday. A try for Leicester in injury time by Marriott, converted by Cusworth, put some semblance of respectability on the scoreboard, but Pontypool were already untouchable with two tries, three penalty goals and a dropped goal.

Indeed, the outcome of this meeting of English and Welsh cup finalists was never in doubt. It is noteworthy that Pontypool are in the Welsh final for the first time, whereas Leicester have made Twickenham their home from home in recent seasons.

Both teams were missing Lions, but Pontypool made light of the absence of Squire, with Wilmot and Butler taking everything at the tail of the lineout, where the visitors gained a significant 21–10 advantage. Leicester, who were without Wheeler, managed one heel against the head from the formidable Pontypool international front row, but this was a straw in a cold and rain drenched wind.

Bishop was the master at scrum half with some splendid long, rolling kicks in the manner of Gareth Edwards. Kenney, his opposite number, had a difficult afternoon on the retreat and once set up a five-metre scrummage for the opposition with a pass intended for Cusworth which landed in the clubhouse car park. The presence of Woodward and Hare, Leicester's Lions, would have made no difference to the match, with the Pontypool pack so dominant.

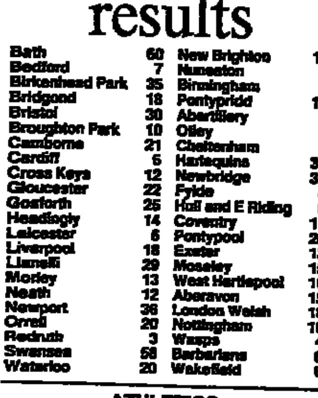
Lewis kicked a penalty and Pontypool benefited from a knock-on by Kenney which led to a try for Lee Jones, to give the Welshmen a half-time lead of 7–0. Playing into the wind, Pontypool went from strength to strength in the second half, which yielded two more penalties by Lewis, a try by the evergreen Windsor, from a five-metre scrummage, and a dropped goal by Taylor.

Leicester's only response, apart from their late try, was a thrilling dash the length of the pitch involving Evans, Dexter, Dodge, Cusworth and Stuart Redfern which took them to within a yard of the line. But they could get no farther, Dodge went off injured, and that was the story of the afternoon.

LEICESTER: C Dexter; B Evans, P Dodge (rep C Gerald), V Afflick, D Williams; L Cusworth, S Kenney; Stuart Redfern, C Tressler, Steve Redfern, S Johnson (captain), N Jackson, M Foulkes-Arnold, I Smith (rep A Marriott), A Collington.

PONTYPOOL: P Lewis; G Davies, L Faulkner, L Jones, D Hussey; B Taylor, D Bishop; S Jones, R Windsor, G Price, M Brown, M Jones, J Watkins, H Wilmot, E Butler (captain).

Referee: P Russell (London).



Yesterday's results

Bath	60	New Brighton	10
Bedford	7	Nuneaton	6
Birkenhead Park	35	Birmingham	4
Bridgend	18	Pontypridd	10
Bristol	30	Abertillery	6
Broughton Park	10	Otley	6
Camborne	21	Cheltenham	4
Cardiff	6	Harlequins	34
Cross Keys	12	Newbridge	38
Gloucester	22	Fylde	4
Gosforth	25	Hull and E Riding	6
Headingly	14	Coventry	11
Leicester	6	Pontypool	20
Liverpool	18	Exeter	13
Llanelli	29	Moseley	15
Morley	13	West Hartlepool	16
Neath	12	Aberavon	15
Newport	36	London Welsh	18
Orrell	20	Nottingham	16
Redruth	3	Wasps	4
Swansea	58	Barbarians	6
Waterloo	20	Wakefield	6

ATHLETICS

VIGVANO (Italy): Scarpa d'Ora Trophy (4.1m road race): 1, S Coe (GB), 18 min 28 secs; 2, G Bordin (It), 18 min 30 sec; 3, R Serra (It), 18 min 38 sec.

Waterloo back row inspire win

By Michael Stevenson

Waterloo 20
Wakefield 6

Wakefield found Sale a daunting proposition on Saturday and were equally extended yesterday at Blundellsands, losing to a forceful and highly efficient Waterloo by a goal, two tries and two dropped goals to two penalties.

Both teams had a realistic chance of finishing in the higher echelons of the northern merit table before the match commenced, but the clear-cut ascendancy that brought Waterloo a flurry of points in the final quarter was a long time showing itself.

It was based, as so often, upon the hard, grinding efforts of their back row, for whom Connor, their experienced No 8, was outstanding, and the ability to link constructively with Carfoot, their scrum half.

There was only Cotter's cheeky dropped goal between the sides at half-time, but it had taken a fine tackle by King to keep out the mercurial Harrison after an exciting early run; Rawnsley missed a couple of penalties for Wakefield, but so did Cotter for the winners, and generally there was not a great deal to choose between the sides, though Wakefield were clearly stretched at forward.

Some fine bursts out of defence by Wakefield shortly after the interval applied pressure, which was awarded with the first of Rawnsley's two second-half penalties, but the balance of power swung almost visibly; Rawnsley missed a simple penalty, and a snap dropped goal by Carfoot restored Waterloo's lead.

Immediately Tickle, up in the line from full back, chipped delicately, Meadows caught it on the full and, when the move faltered, fast possession was won, and Cotter took Carfoot's pass to score wide out on the right.

Rawnsley's second penalty, after his first attempt had struck the post and a Waterloo player had played the ball in an off-side position, gave the visitors a glimmer of hope. But another excellent move with Cotter making good ground on the burst gave Connor has chance to pick up and dance his way over for an excellent try which Cotter converted. Waterloo's final points came from a try by Tickle after skilled work by Carfoot and Connor.

WATERLOO: J Pickle; M Meadows, S McVeigh, S Christopherson, C King; M Cotter, D Carfoot; F McEveley, C Fisher, M Cain, M Leach, J Syddall, N Wilkinson, G Hey, L Connor.

WAKEFIELD: M Shuttleworth; M Harrison, B Barley, C Harris, N Bennett, S Townend, A Sharp, M Scholey, S Cruise, N Hoyle, I Hill, M Dearmen, G Marshall, P Fennell, M Rawnsley.

Referee B Bell (Liverpool).

Gravelle's field day

Martin Gravelle, the Llanelli full back, played a major role in his club's victory over Moseley by 29 points to 15 yesterday, scoring two tries and kicking two goals. Bernie Clark, the Moseley forward, also had an outstanding match, scoring a first-minute try and paving the way for another.

TENNIS

Pioneering mariners take to the waves

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Lisbon

The first day of the Portuguese Open championships was almost as disorientating as fog on Dartmoor. For starters, a tournament new to the calendar jumped straight into the first division with a prize fund of £176,500, plus a contribution of £33,500 to the grand prix bonus pool, that questionable expedient by which the year's more successful players are paid twice.

Even more confusing was the assembled cast. The organizers are Portuguese, the tournament director German, the referee and two umpires are British and the largest contingent of players is from Sweden. The first match winner (Jairo Velasco) is a Colombian who lives in Spain and the second (Damir Keretic) a Yugoslav who lives in Germany. Moreover, the press telephones were installed in a row of shower cubicles and there were unpleasant rumours that brewery vans could not get into the premises to unload. Never mind. The show is on the road.

Hans Burkert, an impresario who has promoted a tournament in Frankfurt for the past three years, shifted it here because of problems with television and sponsors. The president of the national federation said yesterday: "The Portuguese like adventures" (remember those pioneering mariners?) and it may be of more than passing relevance that tennis is booming in Portugal and is doing the Algarve tourist trade no harm.

The army played a leading role in an astonishing renovation of the national tennis stadium. The gracious, arcaded old centre court accommodated only 2,500 people, so temporary seating for 6,000 was installed around an outside court. "There has been big support from everyone", Herr Burkert said. "But until today I don't think they really believed this could happen in Portugal."

There were moments when it seemed that the championships had begun a day earlier than was convenient, but even established tournaments have their troubles on the first day. The organizers have done an admirable job, and are quickly tying up the loose ends. The only regrets, yesterday, were the weather – overcast, with a chilly breeze – and an entry that does less than justice to the prize money.

True, the seeds for this outdoor clay-court tournament include the champions of France, Italy and Germany: Mats Wilander, Andres Gomez, and José Higueras. True, the predicted last eight is respectable: Higueras v Balacz Taroczy, Yannick Noah v Henrik Sundstrom, Manuel Orantes v Gomez, and Jimmy Arias v Wilander. True, there were men from 18 nations in the singles draw of 32. But it was a pity that such a brave new venture should clash with big events in Houston and Tokyo.

Yesterday's losers included Patrick Cash, aged 17, reportedly the best Australian junior since John Newcombe, and the fastest since Roy Emerson.

RESULTS: First round: D Keretic (WG) bt M Tideman (Sw), 6-4, 6-4; J Velasco (Col) bt S Simonsson (Sw) 7-5, 1-6, 6-3; H Sundstrom (Sw) bt H Simonsson (Sw) 6-3, 6-1; P Slozil (Cz) bt W Popp (WG) 6-2, 6-2; A Jarryd (Sw) bt P Cash (Aus) 6-3, 6-3.

Jeffreys impressive

The British Junior Hardcourt Championships sponsored by Prudential at Wimbledon lost the third seed from both the boys and girls singles, Lewine Mair writes.

Andrew Sproule came back from 1-4 in the second set to 3-4 but ultimately lost to Middlesex's Rodney Jeffreys 7-6, 6-3.

Julie Salmon also lost to a Middlesex competitor, 15-year-old Jane Wood. Miss Salmon was at her best as she won first set 6-1 but became ever more tentative as the match wore on, picking up only three games in the second set

BOYS' SINGLES: First round: S Chester bt L G Matthews 6-4, 6-4; D Bell bt H Pringle 7-5, 1-6, 6-3; A P Johnson bt S Bennett 6-4, 6-4; H Slater bt R Staff 6-1, 6-2; P Russell bt S Botfield 6-7, 7-5, 6-0; R Jeffreys bt A Sproule 7-6, 6-3; D Shann bt S Tucker 6-2, 6-3; A J Brice bt M Walker 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; R Every bt S Heron 7-6, 6-7, 10-8; J Southcombe bt M G Bray 6-1, 6-4; I MacKinlay bt A L Evans 6-4, 6-3; D Cutbill bt S Keelan 6-2, 4-6, 6-6; J Mackie bt M Crouch 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Goodall bt I Grout 7-6, 6-3; B J Knapp bt M Wallace 6-0, 6-2; A Devaney bt M J Smith 6-3, 6-4.

GIRLS SINGLES: First round: J Louis bt J S Davis 6-2, 6-1; F Cammack bt R Charlton 6-4, 6-4; S Longbottom bt V Wilson 6-0, 6-0; A M Brasher bt V Prudhoe 6-0, 6-2; V Lake bt T McGiffen 6-1, 6-1; A Grunfeld bt K P McLoughlin 6-2, 6-0; C Shaguandas bt G Oakenfull 6-1, 6-4; J Holden bt J Phillips 6-4, 6-1; J West bt K Hand 6-3, 6-2; L Gould bt J Smith 7-5, 6-3.

CYCLING

Coasting in at Girvan

By John Wilcockson

Dave Lloyd, aged 33, from Liverpool, gained one of his best wins since a heart murmur forced him to end a budding professional career eight years ago when he won the Girvan three-day event in Scotland over the weekend.

After snowdrifts forced the organizer to abandon the original route in the Carrick Mountains yesterday, the last of four stages was fought out over four laps of a 20-mile circuit nearer to the Ayrshire coast.

At half-distance Lloyd broke clear with Paul Curran, of Teesside, Martin Young, of Chesterfield, and Joe McLaughlin, of Glasgow. With sun warming the cold atmosphere, the four moved more than three minutes ahead of the main bunch, in which the overnight leader, John Cavanagh, of Liverpool, was helpless to reply on the hilly route.

With five miles remaining, Lloyd sped away to win by one minute and a half in the style that has won him 100 individual time-trials since he resumed amateur status.

It is ironic that as a former professional Lloyd is not eligible to represent Britain in the Milk Race, which yesterday accepted the late entry of Switzerland to replace the Soviet Union. But there will be a team of British professionals to compete against 10 teams of amateurs in England's premier race.

Preparations are virtually complete for the first Tour of America, which starts in Virginia on Friday. This three-day race, which finishes in Washington DC, will be started by the four-times Tour de France winner, Bernard Hinault, who will return to Europe to compete in next Sunday's Paris to Roubaix race. Phil Anderson, of Australia, is favourite to win in the US.

RESULTS: Girvan three-day event: Fourth stage: 1, D Lloyd (Manchester Wheelers), 3hr 41min 18sec; 2, P Curran (North East Centre of Excellence), 3:42.48; 3, M Young (Chesterfield), 3:42.48; 4, J McLaughlin (Glasgow), 3:42.48. Overall: 1, Lloyd, 266 miles in 11hr 18min 10sec; 2, McLaughlin, 11:20.05; 3, Young, 11:20.08; 4, Curran, 11:20.34; 5, J Cavanagh (Kirkby CC), 11:23.16; 6, S Downey (Ireland), 11:24.17. Teams: 1, Chesterfield; 2, Scotland; 3, Kirkby.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker goes to head of league

By Jenny MacArthur

John Whitaker's victory on the 15-year-old, Ryan's Son, in the penultimate qualifying round for the FEI Volvo World Cup Holland at Birmingham yesterday puts him at the head of the European League. The 20 points he collects from this win gives him a tally of 87. This was Ryan's Son's first outing since Olympia in December. Whitaker said after his win that he definitely intends to go the final in Vienna. He will take Ryan's Son and Clonee Temple.

Yesterday's qualifying round lacked the excitement that was anticipated with 26 riders competing for points to go to the final. Much of the trouble occurred at the second and third parts of the big treble across the centre of the arena. Witaker said afterwards: "You couldn't get a good line to it and if you didn't get the first fence spot on, you were in trouble at the second and third."

The first jump-off whittled the five clears down to two, Whitaker and Steve Hadley, on Sunnora, who jumped effortlessly. The other three, Nick Skelton on St James, Liz Edgar on Everest Forever, and Jean Germany on Whistling Song, all had four faults over the shortened six-fence course and tied equal third. The final jump-off against the clock was something of an anti-climax. Hadley went first and had one down, which meant that Whitaker and Ryan's Son only had to have a faultless round to win the £2,400 first prize.

This was the tenth in a series of qualifying rounds for the final of the World Cup in Vienna on April 20 to 24. The eleventh is next week at Goteborg, after which riders count their six best scores, and the top 16 in the league are then eligible to compete in the final.

The four riders who will represent Britain at Goteborg are Whitaker, David Broome, Skelton and Harvey Smith. Broome and Smith have already indicated that even if they qualify for the final in Vienna they will not compete. Smith said he did not want to put his horses through the tiring three rounds of competition in the final.

F.E.I. Volvo World Cup Holland (qualifying competition) 1, Ryan's Son (J Whitaker), 1 fault, 44.55 sec, in second jump-off; 2, Sunnora (S Hadley), 4 faults, 37.6 sec; 3, St James (N Skelton), Everest Forever (Mrs L Edgar), Whistling Song (Miss J Germany), 4 faults in first jump-off.

Leading European Placings: 1, J Whitaker (GB), 87 pts; 2, N Skelton (GB), 86; 3, F Cottier (FR), 62; 4, G Mullins (IRE), 58; 5, M Pyrah (GB), 52; 6, E Cuepper (BEL), 50.

Osborne Refrigeration National Grade C Championship: 1, Goldphail (M Saywell); 2, Penhaligon (S Parton); 3, Elkstone (G Milner).

A final outing for Badminton

More than 300 horses competed at the horse trials, sponsored by Daihatsu, which finished at Brigstock last night, a Special Correspondent writes. This outstanding spring fixture is an essential final outing for the Badminton runners.

Once again international riders were to the fore in the intermediate sections, which were won by Marjorie Comerford on Cheal Sport, David Green on Walkabout II, just ahead of Richard Meade on his new mount, Andeguy, and a promising junior rider, Rachel Hunt, on Friday Fox, who beat such opponents as Green, Meade and Captain Mark Phillips.

SWIMMING

Lowe breaks the 50 second barrier

By Athole Still

David Lowe, of Harrow and Wealdstone, yesterday capped a winter of superb racing and record-breaking by becoming the first Briton to break 50 seconds for the 100 metres freestyle, winning the ASA short corse championships in 49.86sec in Gloucester. This victory followed another national title in the 100 metres butterfly on Sunday, and will certainly stimulate a general improvement in British sprinting.

In fact, Lowe is now to within 1.29sec of Jorg Woiths, East Germany's Olympic champion, and no more than a handful of the present crop of world sprinters have beaten his time.

Cathy White, aged 17, of Borough of Tyneside, completed a double of titles and British records improving her own British mark in the 100 metres backstroke by one tenth of a second with a time of 1min 03.68sec. She had already won the 200 metres event, also in a British record (2min 15.16sec) on Saturday.

The only other British record on the final day came from Paul Easter (City of Coventry), who improved the 200 metres individual medley mark of Stuart Forrest by one sixteenth of a second, with a time of 2 min. 5.81 sec.

Jackie Willmott completed four days of outstanding swimming by winning her third title in the 200 metres freestyle in 2 min 1.84 secs, less than one second outside her personal best. But it was her earlier performance in winning the 400 metres freestyle in 4 min 9.24 sec that won her the Trident Life Trophy for the outstanding performance by a woman at the championships. The men's trophy went to Paul Easter for his performance over the same distance, a most fitting presentation to the swimmer of the championships

MEN (all finals): 100m Freestyle: 1, D Lowe, 49.86sec (British record); 2, M Reynolds, 51.02; 3, R Burrell, 51.03. 200m Breaststroke: 1, K Adkins, 2min 18.56sec (Welsh record); 2, P Musgrove, 2:19.88; 3, N All, 2:22.25. 200m Individual Medley: 1, equal, R Brew and G Hegedus, 2min 6.67sec; 3, S Wilmott, 2:7.11.

WOMEN (all finals): 100m Backstroke: 1, C White, 1min 3.68sec (British record); 2, S Purvis, 1:6.03; 3, B Scott, 1:6.46. 200m Freestyle: 1, J Willmott, 2min 1.84sec; 2, F Ross, 2:4.31; 3, A Cripps, 2:4.31. 400m Individual Medley: 1, S Hardcastle, 4min 53.04sec; 2, M Scott, 4:55.73; 3, D Crouch, 4:57.9.

Results from 16 race meetings

Kempton Park

Going: soft

2.0 (2.02) REDSHANK STAKES (2-y-o: maidens fillies: £2,054: 5f)
MY LOUIE b f by Music Boy– Jetwitch (T Mills) 8-11 ....G Ramshaw (12-1) 1
Classical Vintage ....P Cook (100-30) 2
Record Supreme ....B Rouse (5-2 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £8.10. Places: £2.40, £1.40. DF: £9.00. CSF: £45.79. A Ingham at Epsom. 1l, 2l. Sparkling Song (7-2) 4th. 6 ran. NR: Gentle Gypsy. 1min 13.48sec.

2.30 (2.31) MIDDLESEX HANDICAP (£2,965: 1m 4f)
ROSACEAE b f by Sagaro– Floradora (Miss P Vaughan) 4-8-5 ....S Cauthen (7-1) 1
Forward ....W Carson (4-1) 2
Groat ....C Rodrigues (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £6.80. Places: £3.10, £2.10. DF: £21.80. CSF: £31.26. I Balding at Kingsclere. 1½l, 1½l. Wonderful Surprise 7-2 fav. Bravet (6-1) 4th. 7 ran. 2min 59.57sec.

3.0 (3.04) ROSEBERY HANDICAP (£7,360: 1m 2f)
RIDGEFIELD br g by Firestreak– Chebs Lass (R Dcughty) 5-7-7 ..P Robinson (16-1) 1
Hill's Pageant ....J Mercer (16-1) 2
Uplands Park ....P Bradwell (20-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £23.40. Places: £4.30, £5.00, £10.50, £4.70. DF: £112.40. CSF: £220.01. TRICAST: £4,520.56. D Thom at Newmarket. Sl ½l. Mighty Fly 5-1 fav. We'll Meet Again (20-1) 4th. 18 ran. NR: Aberfield. 2min 24.37sec.

3.30 (3.30) QUAIL STAKES (£3,725: 6f)
SWEET MONDAY br h by Sweet Revenge– Solly Graham (J Redfern) 5-9-9 ..J Matthias (10-1) 1
Pusey Street ....M Hills (16-1) 2
Prince Spy ....W Carson (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £11.70. Places: £2.90, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £43.10. CSF: £126.32. L Holt at Basingstoke. 1l, 4l. Camisite 85-40 fav. In Top Form (33-1) 4th. 9 ran. 1min 25.17sec.

4.0 (4.02) DURANTE HANDICAP (£2,590: 1m)
FALCON'S HEIR bc by Accipiter – Famous Princess (W Ponsonby) 4-7-10 ..T Quinn (11-1) 1
Elmer ....B Rouse (11-1) 2
Corn Street ....M Hills (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £14.30. Places: £2.30, £2.00, £2.40, £2.30. DF: £71.80. CSF: £131.32. Tricast: £930.71. P Cole at Lambourn ½l, nk. Swift Palm (7-2) 4th. Winart (100-30 fav). 17 ran. 1min 50.96sec.

4.30 (4.32) RUTH WOOD STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £2,642: 1m 4f)
WAGONER bc by Rheingold– Tranquility (A Cidney) 9-0 ....J Mercer (5-1) 1
Appeal To Me ....P Young (3-1) 2
Hi Easter ....W Newnes (11-4 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.20. Places: £1.50, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £14.40. CSF: £19.45. P Walwyn at Lambourn. 2l, 20l. Floyd (8-1) 4th. 9 ran. 3min 01.05sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Ridgefield, Falcon's Heir, £568.30. TOTE TREBLE: Rosaceae, Sweet Monday, Wagoner, £235.95. Jackpot not won. Placepot £830.45.

Newcastle

Going: Heavy

1.45 (1.48) JESMOND STAKES (2-y-o: £1,184: 5f)
OYSTON'S SPECIAL ch f by Music Boy – Aldbury Girl (R Oyston) 8-3 ..S Morris (11-4) 1
You Love Me ....Paul Eddery (14-1) 2
Brussled ....M Birch (5-4 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.10. Places: £1.50, £2.40. DF: £7.90. CSF: £30.57. J Berry at Cockerham. 5l, hd. L Marinella (12-1) 4th. 6 ran. 1m 10.82sec.

2.15 (2.18) NORTHERN FREE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,667: 7f)
ANNAMOE BRAY ch c by Whistling Deer – Evening Sky (J Knowles) 7-7 ....W Ryan (25-1) 1
High Cannon ....J Lowe (4-1) 2
Super Solux ....S Morris (20-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £20.30. Places: £4.60, £2.20, £1.40. DF: £28.90. CSF: £112.27. Tricast: £18521.45. J Wilson at Tarleton. ½l, 7l. Hooligan (7-2 fav). Busorm (5-12) 4th. 11 ran. 1m 41.92sec.

2.45 (2.48) CENTENARY HANDICAP £5,385: 1m)
O I OYSTON b h by Martinmas – Last Lap (Oyston Estate Agency) 7-8-11 ....K Darley (13-8 fav) 1
Iowa ....J Bleasdale (11-4) 2
Windpipe ....A Mercer (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.10, £2.70, DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.97. J Berry at Cockerham. 4l, 8l. State Trooper (8-1) 4th. 5 ran. 1m 57.91sec.

3.15 (3.17) MELDON STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £1,707: 1m 1f)
FORT NAYEF b c by Sharpen Up– Secred Way (N Shuaib) 8-11 ..P Eddery (10-11 fav) 1
Snowy River ....J Seagrave (100-30) 2
Big Oar ....J Lowe (20-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.70. Places: £1.10, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.92. J Dunlop at Arundel. 1½l, 7l. Halyard (40-1) 4th. 8 ran. 2m 14.70sec.

3.34 (3.46) FOREST HALL HANDICAP (£1,868: 1m 4f 60yd)
REGAL STEEL ch h by Welsh Pageant– All Souls (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) 5-9-9 ....Paul Eddery (4-7 fav) 1
John Feather ....E Hide (4-1) 2
Miss Dieward ....M Birch (2-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.60. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3–11. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. 6l, 3l. 3m 13.08sec.

4.15 (4.17) KILLINGWORTH STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £1,224: 7f)
HARD KINGDOM b c by Realm– Hard to Tell (E Moller) 9-0 ....E Hide (4-9 fav) 1
Action Belle ....G Oldroyd (16-1) 2
Mount Rule ....Paul Eddery (20-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.50. Places: £1.20, £1.90. DF: £5.30. CSF: £7.49. G Wragg at Newmarket. 2l, 2l. Boccaccio (5-2) 4th. 5 ran. 1m 46.55sec
PLACEPOT: £10.50.

Nottingham

Going: Heavy

2.15 (2.17) LITTLE JOHN STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £788: 5f)
STANLEY THE BARON, bc, by Monsanto– Petard, 7-9-0 ....B Crossley (8-11 fav) 1
Magic ....B Raymond (5-2) 2
Glitter Brook ....P Eddery (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £2.50; places, £2.20, £1.10; DF, £2.90; CSF, £3.30. K Brassey at Upper Lambourn. 3l, 7l. Cashar Kid (20-1) 4th. 6 ran.

2.45 (2.49) ROBIN HOOD STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £690: 6f)
ALAKH, ch c, by Sharpen Up– Gold Rupee, 9-0 ....P Eddery (11-4 fav) 1
Manimster ....B Raymond (3-1) 2
Artima ....P Howard (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £4.10; places, £1.70, £1.10, £3.30; DF, £8.20; CSF, £9.52. A J Tree at Marlborough. 2l, 8l. Kohinoor Diamond (20-1) 4th. Footwork (6-1) withdrawn. Rule 4 deduction 10p in £. 12 ran. NR, Return Match.

3.15 (3.18) BROXTOWE HANDICAP (£1,729: 6f)
BETTABET GERAGHTY, bg, by Blue Cashmere– Piccadilly Etta, 5-8-12 ....C Moss (14-1) 1
Gentle Star ....P Howard (16-2) 2
Tower of Strength ....B Raymond (11-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £23.50; places, £3.70, £1.90, £2.11. DF, £95.30. CSF, £131.15. Tricast, £1,139.69. G Huffer at Newmarket. 1l, 1l. Incestuous 7-4 fav. Leakmore (16-1) 4th. 19 ran.

3.45 (3.48) COUNTY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,305: 1m 50yd)
STAR OF A GUNNER, ch g, by Gunner B – Starkist 9-0 ....G Starkey (8-1) 1
Balled Island ....B Raymond (11-8 fav) 2
Tropical Red ....D Dinsley (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £9.30. Places: £1.90, £1.40, £3.00. DF: £25.70. CSF: £20.92. Tricast: £115.91. R J Holder at Bristol. 2½l, 8l. Puff Pastry (14-1) 4th. 12 ran.

4.15 (4.17) NOTTINGHAM STAKES (Amateurs: £1,265: 1m 5f)
BIG-ED, ch c, by Sparkler – Oura 4-10-2 ....A Hollinshead (11-2) 1
Target Path ....P Scowcroft (9-1) 2
Yeled ....Gay Kelleway (3-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £6.00. Places: £1.90, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £19.90. CSF: £53.02. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. 5l, 7l. Mister Lord 2-1 fav. Stewart's Rise (16-1) 4th. 15 ran.

4.45 (4.47) CLUMBER STAKES (3-y-o: £890: 1m 2f)
LOCHBOISDALE, b c, by Stage Door Johnny – Blue Law 8-11 ....P Eddery (8-1) 1
Baboor ....G Starkey (evens fav) 2
Frantonios ....B Taylor (3-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.70. Places: £1.60, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £4.90. CSF: £15.68. A J Tree at Marlborough. ½l, 20l. Keep It Dark (33-1) 4th. 11 ran. PLACEPOT: £28.15.

Chepstow NH

Going: Heavy

1.30 (1.33) CASTLE HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £1,025: 2m)
NOTRE CHEVAL b c by Weavers Hall– Polar Point 11-3 ....P Scudamore (5-1) 1
Ole Faithful ....C Smith (2-1 fav) 2
Silver Wind ....R Linley (11-4) 3
TOTE: Win: £7.40. Places: £2.20, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £9.70. CSF: £14.86. D Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. 6l, nk. Vodkatini (11-4) 4th. 8 ran. NR: Pearlyman.

2.0 (2.01) DAILY MIRROR PUNTERS CLUB CHASE (Novices: £2,602: 3m)
HERR CAPITAN ch g by Lombard– Ists Jill 7-11-7 ....Mr Whettam (10-11 fav) 1
Membridge ....Mr Hobbs (9-2) 2
Horse ....C Gwillam (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.10. Places: £1.90, £2.50. DF: £3.30. CSF: £8.00. J Old at Bristol. 2½l, 30l. Tens Or Better (5-2) 4th. 6 ran. NR: Carrigtohill, Mr Lark.

2.35 (2.36) P T S RACING HURDLE (Handicap: £4,968: 3m)
ASMAR b g by Prince John– Camarilla 7 10 11 ....C Mann (5-1) 1
Great Developer ....P Scudamore (16-1) 2
Horse ....S Jobar (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.10. Places: £2.30, £3.60, £6.90. DF: £54.70. CSF: £74.25. TRICAST: £2,198.20. N Henderson at Lambourn. 2½l, 10l. Robin Wonder X Torbole (3-1 jt fav). Applejo (17-1) 4th. 10 ran.

3.10 (3.12) WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE (maidens: £8,090: 2m)
EKBALCO b g Deep Run-Wingalong 7-12-0 ..J O'Neill (8-11 fav) 1
Royal Vulcan ....D Goulding (9-4) 2
Heighlin ....S Jobar (3-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.66. R Fisher at Ulverston 7l, 20l. 3 ran.

3.40 (3.41) BEACHLEY CHASE (handicap: £1,447: 2m)
WALNUT WONDER b g by Crozier-Grains Wonder, 8-10-12 ....G Charles-Jones (6-4 fav) 1
Wollop ....R Linley (7-4) 2
Swordsman ....P Scudamore (15-8) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.06. R Hickman at Droitwich ½l, dist. 3 ran. NR: Toirdealbhach, Atiwo.

4.10 (4.17) CASTLE HURDLE (Div II 3-y-o: maidens: £1,019: 2m)
CANTABILE b f by Bustino-Panumbra- 10-10 ....G Evans (9-4) 1
Autumn Gift ....J O'Neill (8-1) 2
Spare Wheel ....G Davies (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £0.00. Places: £1.10, £2.80. DF: £20.30. CSF: £16.89. Miss S Griffiths at Bromyard. 5l, 12l. Hayakaze (15-8 fav) 4th. 5 ran. PLACEPOT: £42.90.

John O'Neill: victory on Ekbalco

Warwick

2.15: 1, Son of a Gunner (16-1); 2, Master Lockwood (11-2); 3, Sable Royale (33-1). 13 ran. Manlight (6-4 fav).
2.45: 1, Wet Bob (5-1); 2, Esell (14-1); 3, Penwood (10-1). 11 ran. Velso (4-1 fav). NR: Tivoli Gardens.
3.15: 1, Lady Tat (6-1); 2, Flying Lancer (16-1); 3, Cimarron (7-1). 14 ran. Mondara Trophy (9-4 fav).
3.45. 1, Tacheo (7-2); 2, Pousdale-Tachytees (11-2); 3, Rose d'Anjou (20-1). Janiclcane 3-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Beau's Girl.
4.15. 1, Central Carpets (5-1); 2, Lochlilliam (16-1); 3, Vee Bee (33-1). 14 ran. NR: Micks Baby.
4.45. 1, Maestrelle (7-2); 2, Steps (5-1); 3, Heckley Hinny (10-1). Mel Mira 9-4 fav. 16 ran.

Plumpton NH

2.15: 1, Tricky Business (7-1); 2, Hit Record (7-1); 3, Earl Condor (8-15 fav). 7 ran.
2.45: 1, Orange Town Man (9-1); 2, Cool Gin (11-2); 3, Spinning Reel (7-4 fav). 7 ran.
3.15: 1, Seymour Lady (5-4 fav); 2, Spikey Bill (5-1); 3, Seriously Folks (10-1). 7 ran.
3.45: 1, Auream (11-8 fav); 2, Poor Son (8-1); 3, Upton Bishop (4-1). 6 ran. NR, Major Owen and Double Crossing.
4.15: 1, Japalik (5-2); 2, Maurices Tip (9-4); 3, Ashleigh Boy (20-1). Danish King 15-8 fav. 5 ran. NR, Vespucci and Mr Linnet.
4.45: 1, No Sale (15-2); 2, Eurolink Boy (5-2 jt fav); 3, Retael (5-2 jt fav). 8 ran.

Wetherby NH

2.00: 1, Kingsbere (16-1); 2, Jefferson (7-4 fav); 3, Camerata (12-1). 16 ran. NR: Gay Walk, Oakley Cross.
2.35: 1, For Good (8-13 fav); 2, Wingetts (9-2); 3, Biraby (7-1). 16 ran.
3.10: 1, Good Crack (2-1); 2, Phil The Fluter (5-1); 3, Whiggie Geo (20-1). 7 ran. Captain John 1-2 fav.
3.45: 1, Veolin (16-1); 2, Crackhill (4-5 fav); 3, Glory Bird (8-1). 9 ran.
4.20: 1, Snow Blessed (5-2); 2, Tudor Folly (9-4); 3, Chebble (7-4 fav). 4 ran.
4.55: 1, Hopeful Saint (4-7 fav); 2, The Last Prince (7-2); 3, Great Tarquin (14-1). 12 ran.

Carlisle NH

2.15: 1, HILL'S GUARD (2-1 fav); 2, Kerstin (9-4); 3, Marllena (7-1). 6 ran.
2.45: 1, RAM THE THOR (7-4); 2, Border Brig (6-4 fav); 3, Corker (11-4). 5 ran.
3.15: 1, FULL MEASURE (5-1); 2, Colonel Rose (14-1); 3, Frosty Touch (3-1). Deep Love (5-2 fav). 19 ran. NR: Benfield Cavalier, Moody Lady, Welsh Orbit, Hill's Guard.
3.45: 1, MOSSMORRAN (5-1); 2, Santiago (10-1); 3, Rydal Mount (5-1). Simbad (5-2 fav).
4.15: 1, CAMP HILL (10-1); 2, Prince of Rebellion (12-1); 3, Roe Valley (20-1). 8 ran. Flying Kit (7-4 fav). NR: Wrecktt.
4.45: 1, HOLBORN HEAD (2-1 fav); 2, Ronan-Paul (6-2); 3, Lucker Chimes (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Miss Prospect.

Hereford NH

2.15: 1, BOMBIL (5-1); 2, Quiet Cannon (5-4 fav); 3, Scotch Princess (20-1). 14 ran. NR: Cross Master and Flemington.
2.45: 1, POMPOSITY (5-1); 2, Seven Acres (3-1); 3, Triple Sweet (16-1). Ridarragh (5-2 fav). NR: Generous Bid.
3.15: 1, OTTERDEN (20-1); 2, Mr Linnet (4-1); 3, Popsi's Mandate (3-1 fav); 4, Camon (7-1). 16 ran. NR: Saucy Dancer.
3.45: 1, SPACED OUT (15-8 fav); 2, Fred Pilliner (2-1); 3, Melerak (16-1). 9 ran.
4.15: 1, NOBLE PATROL (4-6 fav); 2, Exclusive Fox (20-1); 3, Asmid (33-1). 13 ran. NR: Kerisma, Mandriano.
4.45: LONESOME PARK (5-1); 2, Larry Mac (3-1); 3, Cwmyrelthin (5-1); 8 ran. NR: Double fox, Graffiti.

Market Rasen NH

2.15: 1, Colonel MadB (Evens Fav); 2, Legs Or Man (3-1); 3, Future Unseen (33-1). 11 ran. NR Paperon.
2.50: 1, Santa Noel (9-2); 2, Intoxicated (9-1); 3, Outlaw Man (9-4). 6 ran.
3.25: 1, Unscrupulous Judge (3-1); 2, Mr Snugfit (12-1); 3, Spartan Flutter (7-2). 10 ran. NR Count Vronsky.
4.05: 1, King Of Stress (13-8 fav); 2, Mick's Ritual (4-1); 3, Grangehill (20-1). 7 ran. NR Llarae.
4.35: 1, Kelsey Lady (8-1); 2, Cross Master (6-4 fav); 3, Quiet Justice (33-1). 11 ran. NR Nathaniel, Odic, Step Ashore, Witch's Point.
5.10: 1, Royal Don (11-4); 2, Viscount (8-1); 3, Uncle Newboy (25-1). 6 ran.

Fakenham NH

2.15: 1, Goldination (8-1); 2, Extrovert (7-2 fav); 3, Good Offices (4-1). 10 ran. NR: Ceremonious and Solaire Prince.
2.50: 1, Brayhem Sir Vardon (3-1); 2, Fontenay (6-1); 3, Colonial Lad (14-1). Prairie Green, 2-1 fav. 9 ran.
3.25: 1, Navigational Aid (11-10 fav); 2, Zaccio (7-2); 3, Mandy's Time (10-1). 9 ran. NR: Skateboard.
4.00: 1, Swift Wood (2-1); 2, Donogue (14-1); 3, Birdbrook Song (40-1). Mr Mellors (4-7 fav). 6 ran. NR: Susan's Mistake.
4.35: 1, Pykestaff (5-1); 2, Ling (4-1); 3, Stray Shot (2-1 fav). 10 ran. NR: Talkabout.
5.10: 1, Lightvale (7-1); 2, Saddstore (7-4 fav); 3, Pennine Paddy (5-1). 7 ran.

Uttoxeter NH

2.15: 1, Something Special (5-2); 2, Carrigtohill (7-1); 3, Pen Royal (7-4 fav). 5 ran. NR Pearly Girly.
2.50: 1, Lloyd Ardua (7-4 fav); 2, Clown Court (3-1); 3, Cartwright (10-1). 9 ran. NR Hanachow.
3.25: 1, Rocks Of Bawn (33-1); 2, Run And Skip (5-1); 3, Dickis (20-1). 13 ran. NR Keshoon 9-4 Fav.
4.00: 1, Greenbank Park (2-1); 2, Aldro (7-4 fav); 3, Landed Gent (7-2). 6 ran. NR Some Jinks.
4.35: 1, Tania's Lad (9-2); 2, Flamenco Dancer (5-2); 3, Wremando (6-4 fav). 5 ran. NR Spider Man, Ernest.
5.10: 1, Miss Willie (Evens Fav); 2, Palm Cross (5-1); 3, Ever-So-Sure (25-1). 11 ran.

Newton Abbot NH

2.30: 1, Ribolane (11-4); 2, Nampara Cove (8-1); 3, Burton Boy (8-1). 7 ran. Water Rock 15-8 fav.
3.05: 1, Teatley Able (4-6 fav); 2, Fine Drainage (5-1); 3, Rugby Excavation (8-1). 5 ran.
3.40: 1, Royal and Loyal (16-1); 2, Pickled Tink (12-1); 3, Glengivan (9-2).
4.15: 1, Midinette (6-1); 2, Xenia (6-1); 3, Sammy Lux (6-4 fav). 16 ran.
4.50: 1, Toom Squire (4-1); 2, Dampier (9-2); 3, Koga Way (14-1). Bossall 3-1 fav. 16 ran.
5.25: 1 Belleaedy Hero (9-1); 2, Berley Birch (5-2); 3, Dawn Street (11-2). Maldon Lady 7-4 fav. 16 ran.

Wincanton NH

2.15: 1, Wild Geese (8-1); 2, Rostra (11-2); 3, Hope Again (50-1). 23 ran. Readinace 2-1 fav.
2.50: 1, Fire Drill (100-30); 2, Barrogil Castle (9-1); 3, Gold Racer (20-1). 18 ran. Jubilee Medal 2-1 fav. NR The Floorlayer.
3.25: Line Shooter (5-1); 2, Prosper You Can (10-1); 3, Pizza (6-1). 12 ran. Fitham 2-1 fav.
4.0 1, Tudor Road (5-1); 2, Takeafence (20-1); 3, The Azadstan (8-1 fav). 16 ran. NR Allende.
4.35 1, The Stirrer (9-2); 2, Rock Saint (66-1); 3, Romany Nightshade (9-4 fav). 13 ran. NR Eastern Vision.
5.10 1, Witten Wood (9-4 fav); 2, Bratton Fair (3-1); 3, Hewish Rocket (15-2). 5 ran. Nr Double Fox.
5.45 1, Lewesdon Prince (8-1); 2, Skylander (5-2 fav); 3, Kandacombe (25-1). 18 ran.

Huntingdon NH

2.0: 1, Cashed In (4-1); 2, General Patterns (14-1); 3, Sicilian Gold (100-30 fav). 14 ran. NR: Wise Man, Rust Borough.
2.30: 1, Hollow Laugh (3-1); 2, Carbury's Kit (16-1); 3, Fenaghy (25-1). Irish Whiskey 4-6 fav. 11 ran.
3.0: 1, The Irish Rhine (7-1); 2, Kintbury (2-1 fav); 3, Mirror Boy (7-1). 9 ran.
3.30: 1, Redneel (4-7 fav); 2, Rizzio (5-2); 3, Bankside (10-1). 5 ran.
4.0: 1, John Bunyan (10-11 fav); 2, Highgate Lady (5-1); 3, Swinging Light (25-1). 10 ran. NR: Awbeg.
4.30: 1, Rhinestone Cowboy (16-1); 2, Romana Mia (7-4); 3, Godly (33-1). Westway Lad evens fav. 10 ran. NR: Dick's Folly.

Towcester NH

2.0: 1, Our Fun (3-1); 2, Proven Date (4-1); 3, Woolly Jumper (10-1). Inigo Society (7-4 fav) Nr: Lautrec, Silva Linda.
2.30: 1, Young Dusky (5-4 fav); 2, Glenjade (14-1); 3, Esperto (9-4). 10 ran. Nr: Whitecliffe.
3.00: 1, Song Of Life (11-10 fav); 2, Feature (11-2). 3 ran. Nr: Graffiti.
3.30 1, Black Penny (8-4 fav); 2, The Thatcher (9-2); 3, Constitution Hill (2-1). 7 ran. Nr: Glengivan.
4.0: 1, Ballyspilliane (14-1); 2, Physicist (7-2); 3, Flagstaff (11-10 fav). 6 ran. Nr: Furry Rock, Money For Jam, Woodlands Lad.
4.30: 1, Avondale Princess (11-8 fav); 2, Homeson (6-1); 3, Man Of The Moment (4-1). 9 ran.
5.0: 1, Kevin Evans (20-1); 2, Tom Tailor (2-1 fav); 3, Ladycross (6-1). 8 ran. Nr: Cosmic Falkland Hero.

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Warwick: 2.45 Music City.

Saturday's point-to-points

ASHFORD VALLEY: Hunt: Red Marshal. Restricted: Spancil Hill. Open: Mark's Methane. Ladies: Jackaway. Adjacent: Flying Drum. Maiden: Casa Polaris.
CATTISTOCK: H: Gay Express. R: Crozimen. L: Panda Pops. O: Dorset Farmer. A: Prestbury. R: Bakers Company.
Cleveland: A: Netherby Clint. R: Wrecktt. L: The Froddler. O: Lady Buttons. M: Trusty Catcher. H: Latin Rhythm.
EAST ESSEX: H: Flasheen. A: More Luck. L: Mesmerist. O: General Confusion. R: Dunedin. M: Fairmlee.
HURSLEY HAMBLEDON: H: Kindalinky. A: Playfields. O: Lochaga. L: Caskat. R: Old Mary. M: Castledermot.
LINLITHGOW AND STIRLING: H: Eden Gail. A: Flying Ace. L: Foolish Hero. O: The Flying Haggis. R: Binny Craig. M: Karanos.
MONMOUTHSHIRE: H: Swedish Beau. O: Favolity. L: Seine Bay. O: Jost. R: Tigerland. MI: Albireo. MII: Game Knave.
SOUTH DEVON: H: Flying Camel. A: Princely Mark. L: Merren Dene. PPOA: Parambulate. O: Gayway Lad. M: Stout Answer.
VALE OF AYLESBURY: A: French Peacock. R: Royal Noble. L: Housemistress. O: Robin's Tango. MI: Just Owen. MII: Loch Sloy. H: Rutland Street.
VALE OF LUNE: H: Camp Hill. A: Gold Prince. L: Todd's Hill. O: Sporting Luck. R: Ruthelen. M: Pandlewood.
WOODLAND PYTCHLEY: A: Boonabaroo. PPOA: Parity. L: Duc de Bolbec. O: Clipston. M: Country Line. H: Isbam Lass.

Saint Cyrien flounders in Longchamp mud

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Criquette Head was disconsolate at Longchamp yesterday after her 100-30-on favourite Saint Cyrien trailed in a tired second to the former English trained Castle Guard. Foul weather had turned the Bois de Boulogne course into a virtual bog, and this was certainly one of the reasons why Saint Cyrien failed in the Prix de Fontainebleau.

Castle Guard, who is now trained by John Fellows at Chantilly, showed that he not only possesses enormous courage, but is also totally at ease in testing conditions. The colt will run in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) when he will again meet Saint Cyrien. Peter Richards, the owner of Castle Guard, gives a lot of credit for today's success to Fellows, who produced the colt to make a winning debut in the Prix Omnium II at Saint-Cloud last month.

Winner of two races last season and a creditable fifth behind Dunbeath in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot, Castle Guard may well play a role in the French Guineas, particularly if the going remains soft.

For some 15 minutes after the Fontainebleau Mme Head gazed at Saint Cyrien in disbelief. Just for once her customary smile was absent, and she just commented: "Let's forget that race. What a terrible disappointment. But wait until next time." One had the distinct impression that she was none to pleased with her brother's riding.

Freddie Head raced Saint Cyrien behind his pacemaker, Biologiste, but without giving his mount a break took up the running some four furlongs from the line. Saint Cyrien still had a two lengths advantage in the straight, but Head was already looking a little uneasy. A glance over his shoulder 300 yards out showed that Castle Guard was making progress on the outside, and this colt took the lead just inside the final furlong.

Saint Cyrien's stride was by then virtually non-existent, and Castle Guard went on to win by two and a half lengths. Head said after dismounting: "He pulled a lot, the ground was disastrous. It was his first run of the year, but I was beaten a long way out." Alluvia, who finished third and the fourth, Crystal Glitters, will also run in the Poulains.

Underfoot conditions were also blamed for the failure of the favourite, General Holme, in the Prix d'Harcourt. The trainer Olivier Douieb, forecast that his horse would run badly before the race, but he felt obliged to give General Holme the outing. The impressive winner of the 10-furlong d'Harcourt was Welsh Term, who cantered home by four lengths in front of the mud-loving Cadoudal and Lester Piggott's mount, Mulaz Palace, with the long-time leader, Imyar, fourth.

The winner and runner-up will meet again in the Prix Ganay on May 1, while Mulaz Palace will go for the Grand Prix d'Evry a few weeks later. Robert Collet who trains Welsh Term for Owen Helman, has always had a great esteem for the son of Welsh Pageant. Confirming the four-year-old's programme, he said: "But for a problem with splints last season Welsh Term would have been the best middle distance three-year-old in France. He has come on six kilos since running second to Imyar in the Prix Exbury." The plans for General Holme are still the Prix Ganay and Douieb hopes for an improvement in better ground.



Freddie Head: "The ground was disastrous".

Finally, Denel won the Prix de Barbeville comfortably from Kelbomec, Karkour and Campero, who made much of the running. All four horses will meet again in the Prix Jean Prat at the end of the month, and the Ascot Gold Cup is also on the cards for Denel. The English colt, Favoloso, was a spent force by the straight and finished last of the 10 runners.

Ma Biche, the current 1,000 Guineas favourite, makes her first appearance of the season against six rivals in the Prix Impudence at Maisons-Laffitte this afternoon. On paper Maktoum Al-Maktoum's filly should outclass her field and confirm her position as market leader for England's first Classic.

Last season Ma Biche easily accounted for Deep Roots in the Prix Robert Papin over part of today's course and the filly then went on to beat the best of her sex in England in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket. Ma Biche has greatly pleased Criquette Head in her work this season and the daughter of Key to the Kingdom should come home alone in front of Dancing Display and Bold Apparel.

L'Emigrant appears to have a simple task in the seven furlong Prix Djebel. He will have only three opponents and although the colt is said to dislike heavy ground he should have no trouble in beating Range, Faith Guest and the genuine Ginger Brink.

Sir Philip Payne-Galwey who manages the Niarchos string denied at Longchamp yesterday that the colt would definitely run in the 2,000 Guineas and said that no firm decision would be made until after the Djebel. L'Emigrant is already a course and distance winner as he won the group two Critérium de Maisons-Laffitte last October. Previously this son of The Minstrel was runner-up to Saint-Cyrien in the Grand Critérium.

RACING

National win for Bit of a Skite

Bit of a Skite, owned by the famous professional punter, John McManus and trained by Eddie O'Grady, won the Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse yesterday by six lengths from Beech King. Bit of a Skite, who started at 7-1, was always going well in the race run in driving sleet. Recently, he won the National Hunt Chase over four miles at the Cheltenham festival, and yesterday was defying a 14lb penalty.

Bit of a Skite, who has been having swimming pool treatment for a poisoned foot, had a most unusual preparation for both the Cheltenham and Fairyhouse races. Before Christmas, he was placed in novice hurdles at Wolverhampton and Chepstow when trained at Elstead in Surrey by Ron Atkins.

He was then sold by his owner, Pat Hogan, to McManus, who sent him to Eddie O'Grady. Bit of a Skite, who won three point-to-points in Ireland last year, showed his first worthwhile chasing form for his new trainer when fifth to Fearstone at Leopardstown in February. This was O'Grady's first success in the race. Beech King started at 25-1, as did the third home, Prince Peacock. Royal Judgement, the English hope and the 4-1 favourite, finished ninth.

3.20 (3.23) JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (handicap: £28,482: 3m 4f)

BIT OF A SKITE ... T J Ryan (7-1) 1
Beech King ... M Sheeler (25-1) 2
Prince Peacock ... McGlinchey (25-1) 3

TOTE: Win: 75p. Places: 30p, £1.64, £9.20. CSF: £174.44. TRICAST £3,624.84. E O'Grady. 6l, 5l. Stand (10-1) 4th. Royal Judgement (4-1 fav) 27 ran.

Ekbalco makes up for Cheltenham

For the second year running Ekbalco took handsome consolation for his Cheltenham failure when he won the Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow. His victory was something of an anti-climax in the end after Ekbalco had collided with Royal Vulcan at the third last, effectively putting his most serious rival out of contention.

Although Royal Vulcan had received a couple of reminders before the critical jump, he was absolutely level with the favourite and apparently going just as well when Ekbalco hit him hard as they jumped and Royal Vulcan was virtually down on his knees. Ekbalco did not appear to relish being out on his own so far from home, but Royal Vulcan could not rally in the bottomless ground and the margin was seven lengths.

David Nicholson, who won the first division of the Castle Novices Hurdle with Notre Cheval is even more certain he made the right decision in pulling Broadsword out of the Welsh Champion Hurdle in favour of Liverpool. The Stow trainer will take about a dozen horses to the Grand National meeting. If Notre Cheval is alright after yesterday's win, he could be among them, in which case his race would be the two and a half mile hurdle, the last event of the meeting.

Punters plunge into a bottomless pit

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The bookmakers definitely got the better of the exchanges at Kempton Park yesterday in the daily skirmishing between punter and layer. The prices of the first five winners were 12-1; 7-1; 16-1; 10-1; and 11-1. Waggoners, who got Peter Walwyn off the mark this season, looked a budding stayer in the making. He did well to collar the favourite Appeal To Me. Together, they finished the length of Piccadilly ahead of the rest, which says something for the form on the day when form overall will be called into question.

The reason is the debatable fitness of many runners coupled with the state of the ground, which was testing in the extreme. Arguably the ground was the over riding factor.

Kempton once had gravel beneath the surface, and was one of the best drained courses in the land. Much of the gravel has been mined, albeit at a profit for the course, and as a result it is no longer true. After a lot of rain, the going can be as anywhere in the country, and that will not endear the course to trainers, especially when the going is described only as soft. Yesterday the timed said otherwise.

For instance, the times for the two races on the sprint course over five and six furlongs were what one might expect over six and seven furlongs on good ground. The Quail Stakes, won by Sweet Monday, was run in 1 min 25.17 sec, 14 seconds slower than standard.

Earlier in the day the two year olds who contested the Redshank Stakes looked almost unconscious as they staggered over the final furlong towards their goal, so much so that the judge joked later that he had begun to wonder whether any would finish. Anyone who thinks that I am laying things on a bit thick by repeating that must refer to the time of the Middlesex Handicap run over a mile and a half. The standard time is 2 min 32 sec. Yesterday Rosacea took 27 seconds longer to win her race. If that was soft ground, heaven only knows what will happen when it is deemed to be heavy.

In the circumstances yesterday's form may not be worth much but that observation will not worry those who had cause to celebrate. Jack Holt was one after Sweet Monday's victory in the Quail Stakes. In the autumn of 1980 the sky was the limit as far as he and his owners were concerned after Sweet Monday had just won the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury.

Then things went wrong as soon as they turned down a huge bid for their horse. Until yesterday the only win that Sweet Monday had managed was in a humble event at Brighton. Such are the ups and downs of racing. Being by Sweet Revenge, who was himself a mudlark, Sweet Monday was in his element yesterday. Those who remembered that hit the jackpot.

Iron fitness, brought about by not only a race on the flat at Doncaster but also a period of hurdling, undoubtedly helped to pave the way to Ridgefield winning the Roseberry Stakes in spite of the fact that his jockey Philip Robinson, put up 3lb over weight. This meant that Ridgefield carried 6lb more than the handicapper intended in the long handicap.

Annamoe Bray Aintree ammunition for Rees

By Michael Seely

It is impossible to keep Lancashire out of the news during Grand National week. At Newcastle yesterday Geraldine Rees's husband, Henry, cheered himself hoarse as his father-in-law, Jimmy Wilson, won the Northern Free Handicap with Annamoe Bray. "I had £25 each way at 33-1," the assistant trainer said, "and I want to have a good bet on Geraldine to complete the National course for the second year running on Midday Welcome. The trouble is, I can't get anyone to lay me a price."

The jubilant Mr Rees then stopped talking to shout for O. I. Oyston who gave the county of the Red Rose a clean sweep in the first three races when beating Iowa by four lengths in the Newcastle Centenary stakes.

The ground was the deciding factor in the day's big race. Neither Hooligan nor Navarino Bay could act in the heavy going and finished well beaten. High Cannon and Busorm disputed the lead until Willie Ryan brought the 25-1 outsider, Annamoe Bray, with a well-timed run to win by half a length from High Cannon with Super Sioux three lengths away third.

The Wilson family's forces were spread all over the country. The trainer himself was at Wetherby to watch his daughter, Geraldine, ride Twidale and Annamoe Bray's owner, Jack Knowles, was at Market Rasen with another of his horses, Halshaw Grange.

In 1982 Mrs Rees became the first woman to survive the National fences on the exhausted Cheers. However, her husband thinks that she will have an easier time of it on the better class Midday Welcome. "The horse is in good form, and so is Geraldine. She's cycling 10 miles every evening to keep herself in condition."

The first Lanacshire victory was that of Oyston's Special in the Jesmond Stakes. Ridden by Stuart Morris, the former champion apprentice of Hongkong, the two-year-old sprinted clear of You Love Me below the distance for an easy win. It had been an open secret that the Music Boy filly had been working well with O.I. Oyston and she started a well-backed favourite at 11-4. Jack Berry thinks that Oyston's Special is an above average two-year-old, and that she could well run up a sequence of victories.

This afternoon's best bet should be Helexian in the second division of the Deighton Novices' Hurdle at Wetterby. Nigel Tinkler certainly believes in striking while the iron is hot as the five-year-old was heavily backed before beating Swinging Rebel in a competitive seven furlong handicap on the flat

BOXING

A peck of troubles for the woodpecker

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Well, that must be that after tonight – we shall be clean out of British opponents for Frank Bruno, save Billy Aird and Joe Bugner. Everyone knows that Eddie Neilsen has no more chance of clearng this human Becher's Brook than all the 50 or so starters have in the Grand National of surviving the real one. Everybody, that is, except Neilsen and his wife, Laura. That is why his bout is potentially a dangerous one.

Bruno, for all his inexperience, is one of the hardest hitters in the world, and Neilsen, for all his experience, is one of the bravest men in the world. When the two come together in the ring at the Albert Hall the British Boxing Board of Control will be hoping that they were right in sanctioning the bout.

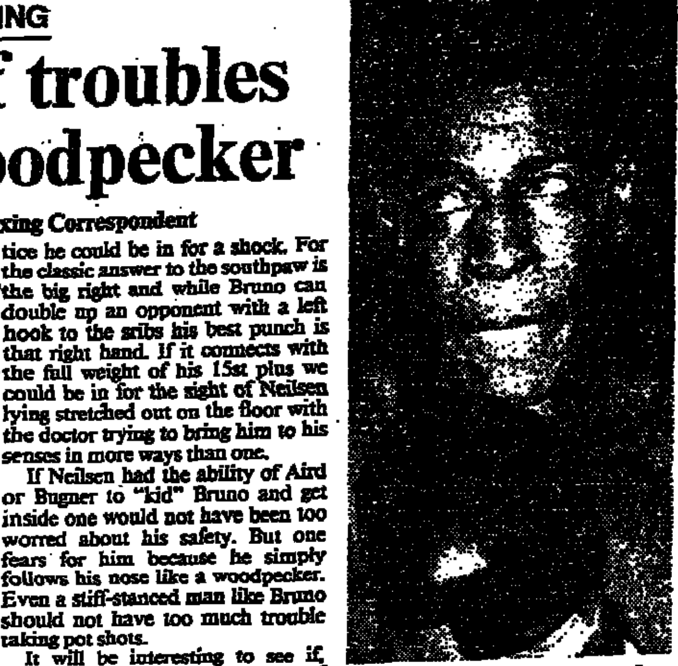
The Swindon southpaw, who is too full of fight for his own good, is reported to have said when this bout was first mooted, "They will have to carry me out when I fight Bruno". He aims to come straight out and give Bruno one, just as Winston Allen did, and to keep trying to clout the big man after that at regular intervals regardless of what action Bruno takes in self-defence.

If Neilson believes that his right-foot-forward stance will give him an advantage over the Lawless apprentice he could be in for a shock. For the classic answer to the southpaw is 'the big right and while Bruno can double up an opponent with a left hook to the sribs his best punch is that right hand. If it connects with the full weight of his 15st plus we could be in for the sight of Neilsen lying stretched out on the floor with the doctor trying to bring him to his senses in more ways than one.

If Neilsen had the ability of Aird or Bugner to "kid" Bruno and get inside one would not have been too worried about his safety. But one fears for him because he simply follows his nose like a woodpecker. Even a stiff-stanced man like Bruno should not have too much trouble taking pot shots.

It will be interesting to see if, before Neilsen goes the way of Bruno's 14 other opponents, he can throw the big man off his stride. I think not. For that we may have to wait for the match which will be the greatest day for the fans since Cooper floored Clay: Bruno v Bugner.

The white hope that Bruno is most likely to meet one day is a Swede stright out of Hemingway, Anders Eklund. They call him Lillen (Tiny) in Copenhagen, where he boxes for Mogens Palle, the Danish promoter and manager. As an amateur he beat Pete Hussing, of West Germany, and Alexander Yagubkin, of the Soviet Union.



Bruno: unbending as oak

I saw him in a four-rounder on the same bill as Colin Jones's European title bout with Hans Henrik Palm. He looked good and solid, like Bruno. Recently he knocked out Ricky James, of Britain, in three rounds. Though he has had only four contests he says he is ready for the top 10 in Europe.

GOLF

Stadler in masterful mood

Greensboro, North Carolina, (AFP) – Craig Stadler, whose putting has let him down so far this season, is running into form just in time to defend the US Masters title in Augusta, Georgia later this week. In the $400,000 (£266,000) Greater Greensboro open on Sunday, he returned an impressive five-under-par 67 to join Lanny Wadkins and Denis Watson of Zimbabwe at the head of the field with a three rounds, eight-under-par total of 208.

Heavy rain had left pools of water in the low areas on the Forest Oaks Country Club course and players were allowed to lift, clean and place balls on the fairway. Tommy Nakajima, who won four titles and was the leading money-winner on the Japanese tour last year, and Bobby Clampett were two strokes behind the leaders on 210, after Nakajima returned a 66 and Clampett a 69.

Phil Hancock and Ron Streck, each with a third round 70, were a further stroke behind on 211, while Bob Eastwood and Britain's Peter Oosterhuis were on 212. Oosterhuis had a third round 66

LEADING SCORES (US unless stated) 208: L Wadkins, 72, 69, 67; D Watson (Zimbabwe), 69, 72, 67; C Stadler, 71, 70, 67. 210: B Clampett, 72, 69, 69; T Nakajima (Jap), 74, 70, 66. 211: R Streck, 72, 69, 70; P Hancock, 73, 68, 70. 212: P Oosterhuis (GB), 73, 73, 66; B Eastwood, 70, 69, 73. 213: N Faldo (GB), 71, 71, 71.
PALM SPRINGS (LPGA Tournament): 282: A Alcott, 70, 70, 70, 72. 284: B Daniel, 68, 69, 70, 76; K Whitworth, 73, 72, 77, 69; J Coles, 73, 70, 72, 78. 292: J Clark, 73, 75, 69, 75; N Lopez, 74, 71, 71, 76. 293: V Fergon, 73, 75, 70, 75. 294: A Ritzman, 73, 76, 75, 70; C Charbonnier (Switz), 77, 70, 75, 72; B Mcnness, 73, 68, 78, 75; J A Washam, 72, 73, 73, 76. British score: 316: M Thomas, 72, 82, 78, 84.

HOCKEY

England win but let title slip

By Sydney Friskin

England ... 5
Netherlands ... 2

The mathmatical master at Canford School Wimbourne, might have had difficulty with his sums if he had been asked to work out who had won the championship after England's schoolboys had soundly beaten the Netherlands yesterday.

Alas, for England, the victory was not enough. West Germany emerged the winners on goal average, the Netherlands taking second place and England third, all three teams having scored four points in the Under 18 category. Belgium were last with none. The event was sponsored by the Midland Bank.

There was some doubt about the rules. The Dutch were misled into believing that they had won because they had scored most goals, but the organizers said that goal average was the deciding factor. England at one time were leading 5-0 and seemed to have the title in their pockets, but two late goals by the Dutch, both from short corners, upset calculations.

It was, however, a heartening win for England, and some of their goals would have done credit to any senior side. Bernie Cotton, a former England and Great Britain captain, who coached the under 18 side, was delighted with the performance, from which Jonathan Roberts, who scored two brilliant goals, emerged as the bright England prospect.

The first goal scored by Roberts in the 18th minute after the Dutch seemed to be climbing on top, was the best seen by an England side at any level for many years. Four players had a hand in it before the chance was finally presented to Roberrts who swerved past the advancing goalkeeper

After this setback the Dutch defence collapsed and England consolidated their position with goals from Jeremy Thomas and Richard Casion. Casion and Roberts added a goal each in the second half before the Dutch scored twice through van der Maulen.

The Dutch easily won the Under 16 title after beating England 2-0 to finish with the maximum of six points.

ENGLAND: S Rowlands (Vardean College); M Masters (Taunton School), A Taylor (Ashlyns School), P Koots (Portsmouth GS), B Hemmings (Bedford School), J Roberts (Saintbridge School), D Willis (Boarden GS), T Readitt (Chesterfield HS), J Thomas (Adams GS), R Thompson (Cheltenham College), R Casion (Aldenham).
NETHERLANDS: A P Broere; M Delissen, P van Ede, D J Goossen, S Gratamma, W van der Lee, R Meijer, E van d Jeulen, E van Stigt, H Vreasendrop, T van der Honert.
Umpires: H Hessler (West Germany), J Folon (Belgium).
Results: Under 18: Netherlands 2, England 0; West Germany 3, Belgium 0. Final placings: 1, Netherlands 6 points; 2, West Germany 4; 3, England 2, 4, Belgium 0.
Under 18: West Germany 7, Belgium 1; England 5, Netherlands 2. Final placings: 1, West Germany 4 (on goal average); 2, Netherlands 4; 3, England 4; 4, Belgium 0.

Second win

Scotland scored their second victory over Spain in two days in Barcelona yesterday. They won 2–1 after leading by Tom Hay's goal in the first half.

VOLLEYBALL

A chasm to cross

By Paul Harrison

England confirmed its reputation during the women's Spring Cup, sponsored by Cafe Hag, of being rather better at organizing tournaments than winning them. That is not to denigrate the English women's achievement in finishing in their best ever position, eighth. They did as well as could be expected, particularly in their opening 3-0 defeat of Austria in their pool at Colchester.

The British are still true amateurs in an increasingly professional sport. The Scots, who finished eleventh, even had to make a contribution to their own costs. The French, who finished third, are all students, and can train for 25 hours or so each week and their government picks up the bill.

Against that sort of professionalism the English, Scots and Northern Irish will always be back markers, unless they choose to travel the same road, one that leads to the peaks held by the Eastern Europeans and the Chinese.

The British players who watched the fitness and organization of the tournament's winners, the West Germans, as they drew the Dutch sting and then crushed them 3-1 in Sunday's final at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre, Birmingham, know only too well that there is a chasm of class to cross before they can seriously threaten world standards.

The Dutch had some consolation, they won the men's version of the Spring Cup in Helsinki, beating the hosts 3-1 on Sunday. There England were again also rans, although they did beat Switzerland 3-1.

The English Volleyball Association have hosted three main events in recent years: the men's and women's Spring Cups and the Commonwealth Championships, and have an enviable record

More than 350 women spent a week in England playing volleyball, in what was probably the biggest women's team competition in Britain since the 1948 Olympics. The television cameras took an interest, too, and Channel 4 is to devote three programmes to the event, on May 30, June 6 and June 13.

An estimated 50,000 people play the sport each week in Britain, and Richard Callicott, the chairman of the EVA, is confident it is about to "take off" in Britain.

Final placings: 1, West Germany; 2, The Netherlands; 3, France; 4, Finland; British: 8, England, 11, Scotland, 16 Northern Ireland.

The men's Royal Bank Cup final in Scotland on May 1 will be between MIM, the holders, and Airdrie at Meadowbank, Edinburgh. In the weekend's semi-final round, MIM beat Bellshill Cardinals 3-0 and Airdrie overcame TASS 3-1.

FOOTBALL

Real's top form is opportune

Paris, (AFP) – Clubs with an interest in the semi-final round of the European cup competitions met with mixed fortunes as they warmed up for the coming first leg matches. Real Madrid go into their European Cup Winners' Cup match against Austria Vienna tomorrow safely restored to the top of the Spanish first division, their 2-0 win over the previous leaders, Athletic Bilbao, on Sunday being far more emphatic than the scoreline suggests.

Spain's other semi-finalists, Real Sociedad, who meet SV Hamburg in the European Cup, beat Barcelona 1-0, virtually ending their opponents' hopes of the League title.

FC Cologne became the first side to reach the German Cup final when they beat VFB Stuttgart 3-2 after extra-time. The final could be an all-Cologne affair as the second semi-final features Fortuna Cologne and Borussia Dortmund.

AUSTRIAN: Austria Salzburg 2, Sturm Graz 0; SC Simmering 0, Union Wels 0; Gak 0, SC Eisenstadt 2; Vienna 3, Austria Klagenfurt 0; Lask 1, Austria Wien 5; Rapid Wien 4, Voest Linz 0; SWW Innsbruck 3, Wiener Sporiclub 0; SC Neusiedl 1, Austria Wacker 1.
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN: Tatran Presou 3, RH Cheb 1; Spartak Trnava 3, Banik Ostrava 1; TJ Vitkovice 0, Lokomotiva Kosice 8; Zbrojouka Brno 2, Plastika Nitra 3; Bohemians Prague 1, Inter Bratislava 0; ZVL Zilina 3, Aparta Prague 0; DVA Prague 1, Sigma Olomouc 0; Slovan Bratislava 1, Slavia Prague 1.
WEST GERMAN: Borussia Moenchengladback 5, Karlsruhe SC 0; VFL Bochum 3, Bayer Leverkusen 2; Hertha BSC Berlin 0, Werder Bremen 1; Kaiserslautern 2, Schalke 04 0. National Cup: semi-final: Cologne 3, Stuttgart 2.
YUGOSLAVIAN: OFK Beograd 1, Buducnost Titograd 0; Vojvodina Novi Sad 1, Partizan Belgrade 1; Vardar Skopje 2, Hajduk Split 1; Sloboda Tuzla 3, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 0; Dinamo Vinkovci 2, Olimpija Ljubljana 0; Radnicki Nis 1, Dinamo Zagreb 1; Galenika Zemun 2, Red Star Belgrade 2; Rijeka 2, Velez Mostar 1; Sarajevo 1, Osijek 1.
EAST GERMAN: Sachsenring Zwickau 3, Wismut Ave 1; Carl Zeiss Jena 4, Hansa Rostock 1; Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 2, Union Berlin 0; Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Lok Leipzig 1; Chemie Boehlen 2, Dynamo Dresden 2; Dynamo Berlin 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0; Chemie Halle 2, Magdeburg 2.
FRENCH: Lille 4, Mulhouse 0; Strasbourg 1, Paris St Germain 1; Sochaux 0, Nancy 1; Auxerre 1, Nantes 1; Tours 2, Monaco 2; Rouen 0, St Etienne 1; Lyons 2, Brest 0; Laval 1, Bastia 0; Toulouse 0, Bordeaux 1; Metz 2, Lens 1.
GREEK: Aris 2, Ofi 1; Doxa 1, Yannina 0; Ethnikos 2, Panionios 0; Kastoria 2, Panserraikos 0; Larisa 2, Apollon 0; Makedonikos 3, Panachaiki 0; Paok 1, Iraklis 3; Rodos 0, Olympiakos 2; AEK 4, Panathinaikos 1.
HUNGARIAN: Ferencvaros 2, MTK-VM 1; Vasas 5, Csepel 2.
PORTUGESE: (Cup quarter finals): Benefica 3, Sporting 0; Porto 3, Braga 0; Portimonense 1, Boavista 0; Valdevez 1, Academico Coimbra 2.
ROMANIA: Universitatea Craiova 8, Polytehnica Timisoara 0; Olt 5, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; Bihor Oradia 2, Brasov 2; Constanta 1, Bacau 0; Politehnica Iasi 2, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Chimia Rimnicu Vilcea 2, Tirgu Mures 0; Jiul Petrosani 1, Arges Pitesti 0; Tirgoviste 2, Corvinul 2, Corvinul Hunedoara 1.
SPANISH: Real Sociedad 1, Barcelona 0; Real Madrid 2, Athletic Bilbao 0; Celta 3, Las Palmas 0; Real Beds 4 Osasuna 2; Salamanca 1, Valencia 0; Racing 5, Real Valladolid 0; Sporting 1 Sevilla 1; Malaga 1, Real Zaragoza 3; Espanol 1 Atletico Madrid 2.
POLISH: Gwardia Warsaw 1, Baltyk Gdynia 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0, Stal Mielec 0; Gornik Zabrze 0, GKS Katowice 2; Slask Wroclaw 1, Legia Warsaw 1; Pogon Szczecin 3, Wisla Krakow 0; Cracovia Krakow 0, Lech Poznan 2; Szombierki Bytom 1, Ruch Chorzow 1.
DUTCH: FC Groningen 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 2; Helmond Sport 1, FC Utrecht 1; Fortuna Sittard 2, Willem 2 Tilburg 1; G A Eagles Deventer 2, AZ 67 Alkmaar 1; Ajax Amsterdam 3, Roda JC Kerkrade 1; Haarlem 5, Pec Zwolle 1; WAS Breda 3, FC Twente Enschede 1; Excelsior Rotterdam 2, NEC Nijmegen 1; Sparta Rotterdam 1, PSV Eindhoven 1.
BELGIAN: Beveren 2, Lokeren 1; FC Antwerp 0, Standard Liege 2; Cercle Bruges 2, Winterslag 2; RWDM Molenbeek 2, Lierse 0; Sereing 1, FC Bruges 2; Waterschei 2, Tongeren 0; Ghent 2, Anderlecht 1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 Unless stated

First division
Coventry v Nottingham Forrest.
Southampton v Brighton.
Swensea v West Ham.

Second division
Cambridge U v Fulham (7.45).
Carlisle v Bolton.
Leeds v Oldham.
Leicester v Middlesbrough (7.45).

Third division
Bristol Rovers v Oxford U (7.45).
Doncaster v Sheffield U.

Fourth division
Hereford v Torquay.
Mansfield v Wimbledon.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Burnley v Manchester City; Rotherham v Wigan.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal v Chelsea; Birmingham Res v Swansea Res (2.0); Crystal Palace v Charlton; Ipswich v Leicester.
IRISH LEAGUE: Crusaders v Linfield; Glentoran v Cliftonville.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Frickley v Boston United; Trowbridge v Bath.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Bromley; Slough v Wycombe Wanderers.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southern division: Crawley v RS Southampton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern v Leeds.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Penzance-Newlyn v St Mary's Hospital.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Jersey tournament (St Helier).
BOXING: Barrett and Duff promotion (Royal Albert Hall).
CROQUET: Eastbourne tournament.
TENNIS: Tally Ho tournament (Edgbaston).
RACKETS: Celestion open singles (Queen's Club).
SQUASH RACKETS: British Open (Assembly Rooms, Derby).

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Easter meeting: Grand aggregate: 1, N Crewshaw (R Anglian Regt), 470; 2, Rosling (City), 468; 3, M L Kent (Old Epsomians), 466. Monday aggregate (900 and 1,000 yds): 1, R H Gompertz (London & Middlesex), 139; 2, D Newbould (Huddersfield), 135; 3, N C Tremlett (North London), 138.

CRICKET

HARARE: Young Australians, 408 (D Boon 148, G Ritchie 89, W Phillips 58; J Traicos 5 for 103); Zimbabwe, 184 (R McCurdy 4 for 40) and 189 (Ali Shah 55, D Houghton 58; M Whitney 5-28). Young Australians won by innings and 55 runs.

MOTOR RACING

Vatanen comes from behind to win Safari

Nairobi, (Reuter) – Ari Vatanen, of Finland competing in the East African Rally for the second time, came from behind to win the world championship event in an Opel Ascona 400 yesterday. He and his British co-driver, Terry Harryman, had taken an overnight lead when three of the top four drivers dropped out because of mechanical trouble. The Audi Quattros of Hannu Mikkola and the Frenchwoman Michele Mouton were second and third respectively in the 3,100-mile event.

Vatanen, aged 31, competed in the rally for the first time in 1977 but failed to finish on course which traditionally reduces the final field to about one-third of the starters. After his victory he admitted that breakdowns, which forced the withdrawal of Vic Preston, of Kenya who had led since the first leg in another Quattro, and compatriot Timo Salonen, in a Nissan 240 RS, contributed to his victory. Preston retired on the 22nd stage when his car struck a boulder and broke the suspension. "halfway through the final leg I thought we had no chance", Vatanen said. "We were more than two hours behind the leaders but our position improved after the night's rest when Preston and Salonen were forced out. Suddenly we found ourselves in the lead."

FINAL PLACINGS: 1, A Vatanen (Fin) Opel Ascona 400; 2, H Mikkola (Fin) Audi Quattro; 3, M Mouton (Fr) Audi Quattro; 4, J Shah (Ken) Datsun 240 rs; 5, Y Takaoka (Jap) Subaru 4wd; 6, Y Iwase (Jap) Datsun PA10; 7, Y Takahashi (Jap) Subaru 4wd; 8, J Hellier (Ken) Peugeot 504; 9, I Duncan (Ken) Datsun Pickup; 10, A Anwar (Ken) Datsun 160J.

Warwick

Draw advantage: low numbers best.

2.15 AYLESFORD STAKES (3-y-o maiden c & g: £690: 1m) (25 runners)

1 00- AIR CADET W Wightman 9-0 ... R Curant 22
2 30- AIRFIELD J Tree 9-0 ... P Eddery 13
3 AYAD G Huffer 9-0 ... M Miller 17
4 00- DIFFERENT CLASS Mrs B Waring 9-0 ... S Keightley 7 10
5 EIGHTH WONDER M Haynes 9-0 ... P Waldron 18
6 0- FIRST IMAGE C Benstead 9-0 ... B Rouse 15
8 0-0 GATEMASTER F Durr 9-0 ... B Clements 9
11 LUCIEN LASAGE D Ringer 9-0 ... A Murray 7
12 0-0 MATHEMAGICIAN F Durr 9-0 ... P Madden 3
13 80- MEAUME D Ancil 9-0 ... Eddery 3 18
14 00- MONS LAD C Nelson 9-0 ... R Weaver 21
15 20- PELLINORE'S POINT S Norton 9-0 ... J Lowe 24
16 3- PIP J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 12
18 00- ROYAL BRIGADIER G Balding 9-0 ... W Higgins 25
21 0- SUNOAK G Harwood 9-0 ... G Starkey 5
23 0- TRADE M Ryan 9-0 ... P Robinson 2
24 0- UNDERBID I Balding 9-0 ... S Cauthen 8
25 UNICHEQ LAD K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 ... N Howe 5 6
26 0- YAWA G Lewis 9-0 ... G Sexton 20
27 4- CELTIC PROMISE I Balding 8-11 ... J Matthias 23
29 -0- MUSIC SEASON D Leslie 8-11 ... – 19
31 00- OAK RUN J Smith 8-11 ... D Dineley 4
33 00- SLIP UP I Balding 8-11 ... P Cook 11
34 0- TAGIO G Hunter 8-11 ... T Ives 14
35 3- VINO ROSSO H Candy 8-11 ... W Newnes 1

3 Airfield, 4 Sunoak, 9-2 Pip, 6 Vino Rosso, 7 Celtic Promise, 12 First Image, Pellinore's Point, Tagio, 16 others.

2.45 HASELEY HANDICAP (£1,478: 1m) (20)

4 341-1 RECORD WING D Jones 5-9-12 (7 ex) ... – 6
10 0000- MUSIC CITY (B) J Bradley 5-9-7 ... – 7
12 3020- NORFOLK REALM (D) P Makin 5-9-8 ... S Cauthen 20
13 3/000- LAUTREC (D) P M Taylor 5-9-6 ... – 5
15 2010- RAWLINSON END D Laing 5-9-5 ... R Curant 12
16 240/0 COFFEE HOUSE I Balding 6-9-3 ... J Brown 7 11
17 0000- MAJORIAN J Harris 5-9-3 ... N Carlisle 3 1
21 004- FACING D Dale 4-9-2 ... A Murray 2
27 140-0 ACUSHLA MACREE (BD) R Houghton 6-8-13 ... J Reid 16
28 410-0 SKY JUMP B Swift 9-8-13 ... J Mercer 3
29 030-0 DRAGON FIRE D Wintle 4-8-12 ... – 19
30 2241- BLOW MY TOP R Holder 4-8-12 ... – 14
35 001-0 BURLINGTON LAD J Perrett 4-8-8 ... N Howe 5 9
37 1402- LADY ARPEGE (D) W Musson 5-8-7 ... P D'Arcy 15
38 /0000- SOMERS HEIR D Wintle 8-8-7 ... R Fox 18
40 2234- MINUS MAN (D) W Holden 5-8-5 ... B Crossley 8
41 0000- ANOTHER RUMBO (B) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-5 ... N Carlisle 3 4
42 20-03 PALM THE ACE (CD) R Hoad 5-8-4 ... J Lowe 13
43 000- CORBALLY A Ingham 3-8-4 ... R Still 10
47 000- PHILIPS HUSSAR K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-10 ... A McGlone 5 17

4 Record Wing, 5 Palm The Ace, 6 Rawlinson End, 7 Acushla Macree, 8 Norfolk Realm, 10 Coffee House, Sky Jump, Lady Arpege, 14 Blow My Top, Minus Man, 16 others.

3.15 COVENTRY HANDICAP (£2,138: 1m 52yds) (9)

2 210-2 CLAUDIUS CROZET (B) G Huffer 4-9-7 ... M Miller 4
3 010-1 SAGAMORE F Durr 4-9-5 (5 ex) ... G Starkey 2
4 1000- BETTYKNOWES A Ingham 5-9-3 ... G Ramshaw 5
7 0334- PERCASE I Balding 4-8-11 ... P Eddery 3
8 000-3 PIT YOUR WITS D H Jones 7-8-7 ... – 8
9 200-0 SYMPATIQUE N Gaselee 5-8-1 ... D McKay 9
11 1100- INCHGOWER W Wightman 6-8-0 ... W Newnes 7
12 4200- ARDOONY R Hollinshead 5-8-0 ... W Ryan 7 6
13 0/000- MINIBANK J Bradley 5-7-11 ... – 1

5-2 Sagamore, 3 Claudius Crozet, 6 Pit Your Wits, Percase, 7 Bettyknowes, 10 Ardoony, Sympatique, Inchgower, 25 Minibank.

3.45 BIDFORD STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £1,013: 5f) (13)

1 CEE MAC CEE W O'Gorman 8-11 ... T Ives 3
2 D NOTICE C Wildman 8-11 ... A Dicks 8
4 APRIL FOR EVER D Leslie 8-8 ... – 4
7 CRYSTAL DANCER C Wildman 8-8 ... – 11
8 9 DRAGONARA'S PET K Ivory 8-8 ... S Cauthen 13
9 GADDY Mrs C Reavey 8-8 ... T Rogers 6
10 HOUSE WARMER G Fletcher 8-8 ... M Miller 7
11 JUST BEAU J Bradley 8-8 ... – 2
12 LONGVIEW LADY D H Jones 8-8 ... J Reid 1
13 MISS ENRYCO M Tompkins 8-8 ... R Curant 9
14 OH MISS BIGMORE P Cundell 8-8 ... P Cook 10
16 PARTAKE J Holt 8-8 ... P Waldron 5
17 RATLEY LODGE C V Miller 8-8 ... – 12

9-4 Cee Mac Cee, 100-30 Gaddy, 5 Dragonara's Pet, 6 Oh Miss Bigmore, 7 Partake, 10 Miss Enryco, Crystal Dancer, 14 others.

4.15 COMPTON VERNEY STAKES (maiden 2-y-o c & g: £753: 5f) (10)

1 0 CROWFOOT'S COUTURE P Brookshaw 9-0 ... M Miller 3
3 FIGHTING JIMMY D Wilson 9-0 ... B Rouse 4
4 GREEK BANKER J Holt 9-0 ... J Reid 6
5 0 HOPWOOD B Hills 9-0 ... S Cauthen 1
8 3 MASTER PEPPER B Forsey 9-0 ... D Dineley 9
9 0 PURIM N Callaghan 9-0 ... P Eddery 10
12 SHADES OF BLUE M Blanshard 9-0 ... R Cochrane 8
15 TENDER SEEKER G Lewis 9-0 ... P Waldron 7
16 TOCODESU W G M Turner 9-0 ... – 2
17 KUNG FU MASTER C Williams 8-11 ... G Sexton 5

11-10 Hopwood, 11-4 Tender Seeker, 7-2 Purim, 6 Master Pepper, 12 Greek Banker, 16 others.

4.45 KINGSWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,044: 7f) (8)

1 2000- AMARONE R Simpson 9-7 ... B Jago 4
3 020- FOR YOUR EYES P Walwyn 9-4 ... J Mercer 6
7 1230- EXPLETIVE D H Jones 9-0 ... J Reid 7
8 0221- PRAIRIE SAINT C Spares 8-13 ... E Johnson 5
9 0010- WALTON HEATH (B) A Ingham 8-10 ... G Ramshaw 1
11 900-1 GOLDEN DECOY (D) D C Tucker 8-9 (10 ex) ... A Dicks 2
15 000-0 AVERON C Wildman 7-12 ... D Dineley 8
16 4000- ACHERON C Wildman 7-7 ... R Hills 5 3

11-4 For Your Eyes, 7-2 Expletive, 4 Prairie Saint, Golden Decoy, 5 Walton Heath, 8 Amarone, 14 others.

Warwick selections

By Michael Phillips

2.15 Vino Rosso. 2.45 Record Wing. 3.15 Claudius Crozet. 3.45 Cee Mac Cee. 4.15 Hopwood. 4.45 For Your Eyes.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Ayad. 2.45 Minus Man. 3.15 Sagamore. 3.45 Miss Enryco. 4.15 Purim. 4.45 Prairie Saint.

Chepstow

2.0 RAGLAN HURDLE (DIV I) (novices: £992: 3m) (8 runners)

1 0000 SOMAY D Nicholson 6-12-0 ... P Scudamore
4 2404 ARCTIC GIPSY B Palling 7-11-5 ... C Evans 7
5 P BORDER MOUSE Miss B Sykes 11-11-5 ... Mr Fenshaw 7
6 3004 CAPTAIN PAT J Baker 7-11-5 ... J Williams
8 P LITTLE DRUM T Price 10-11-5 ... G Jones
11 00/0P POMME D'AFRIQUE S May 7-11-5 ... S May
14 000P UNTO ROSE L Kennard 6-11-5 ... Susan Wilton 7
16 0PF-0 NORD HINDER L Kennard 5-11-3 ... R Linley

9-4 Somay, 7-2 Arctic Gipsy, 9-2 Captain Pat, 6 Nord Hinder, 8 Border Mouse, 10 Pomme D'Afrique, 14 Little Drum, 20 Unto Rose.

2.30 TINTERN CHASE (handicap: £2,624: 2m 4f) (7)

1 030-2 LAST SUSPECT T Forster ... H Davies
6 420P HOBO (CD) J Price 12-10-4 ... G Jones
11 D3-4P QUEENSLAND R Pocock 11-10-0 ... P Richards
12 1233 YANTLET R Hoad 6-10-0 ... R Goldstein
13 P040 CHINGOLO Mrs S Davenport 9-10-0 ... P Scudamore
14 4334 TOM SCOLEY J Old 10-10-0 ... P Double 4
16 P080 POOR EXCUSE (B) O Henley 8-10-0 ... P Carvill

11-10 Last Suspect, 4 Yantlet, 5 Tom Scoley, 7 Hobo, 10 Queensland, 16 Chingolo, 25 Poor Excuse.

3.0 CANTLIE HURDLE (handicap: £1,507: 2m) (11)

1 4321 ORIGINAL STEP (D) T Hallett 8-12-6 (7ex) ... B Wright 4
5 21-00 FORTUNE COOKIE (D) J Fox 11-11-4 ... S Jobar
8 3010- STONE MIST (CD) G Williams 7-10-11 ... C Mann 4
10 0301 BOLD IMAGE (D) B Preece 6-10-8 (7ex) ... P Scudamore
17 302F MOUHANNED (CD) J Old 5-10-3 ... P Murphy 4
21 0-000 CROWNING MOMENT (B) I Wardle 6-10-0 ... Michelle Sherren 7
23 0103 INDADO (BD) R Williams 5-8-13 ... C Evans 7
24 0000 ROYAL MOOD W Evans 9-8-7 ... Mrs Tsakarisianos
25 P00-0 GOLD STICK R Keenor 13-8-7 ... Mr Hearn
26 P000 TOUCH SET P Henley 8-8-7 ... P Carvill
28 -0000 HUNTLESS R Brazington 8-8-7 ... C Jones

11-4 Bold Image, 3 Original Step, 5 Fortune Cookie, 7 Mouhanned, 8 Crowning Moment, 10 Indado, 12 Stone Mist, 14 others.

3.30 WELSH CHAMPIONSHIP CHASE (novices: £3,609: 2m) (3)

2 4411 WESTERN SUNSET T Forster 7-11-12 ... H Davies
4 2210 SOLID ROCK D Barons 7-11-9 ... –
6 12F0 RO'S OWEN (CD) R Head 8-11-6 ... P Scudamore

4-5 Western Sunset, 7-4 Ro's Owen, 4 Solid Rock.

4.0 SPARTAN HUNTERS CHASE (amateurs: £898: 3m) (5)

1 0P-32 BA BA BELLE (D) R Nicholls 8-11-12 ... A Walter 4
2 0F-11 BALLET MASTER (D) Mrs J Hodgkiss 10-11-12 ... D Williams 4
4 0-483 LORD DAWSON (D) D White 8-11-12 ... G Upton 7
14 2P RIMFIRE C Davies 8-11-7 ... T Bowen 7
16 P/440 RUSHBURY (B) C Sidgwick 8-11-7 ... A Cramsie 7

6-4 Ballet Master, 2 Lord Dawson, 4 Ba Ba Belle, 6 Rimfire, 12 Rushbury.

4.30 RAGLAN HURDLE (DIV II) (novices: £1,034: 3m) (13)

1 3130 TRUST THE KING N Henderson 6-12-3 ... P Croucher 7
4 3010 PAPA'S BUSKINS Mrs M Rimell 7-12-0 ... –
9 UP21 ROYSCRIPT J Chugg 6-11-11 ... J Suthern
10 000F MEMBER'S RELISH D Nicholson 5-11-9 ... P Scudamore
16 00 LADOGA J Sheddon 6-11-5 ... P Carvill
17 44F0 MADAME KATRINE (B) L Kennard 6-11-5 ... Susan Wilton 7
18 0/PP NORBURY T Price 7-11-5 ... G Jones
21 0-0F0 SABLE PIECES L Tory 8-11-5 ... B De Haan
22 FPP0 SLEEPLINE SPARTAN P Cundell 7-11-5 ... R Stronge 4
24 0042 BANNOCK PRINCE K Bishop 5-11-3 ... J Hurst 7
25 000F BAY FOREST Mrs E Kennard 5-11-3 ... M Nuttall 7
26 P0P0 CANNON GEM J Bosley 5-11-3 ... –
27 000P RED-ANGUS K Carter 5-11-3 ... N Coleman 7

2 Trust The King, 3 Royscript, 4 Member's Relish, 5 Papa's Buskins, 8 Bannock Prince, 12 Madame Katrine, 16 others.

Chepstow selections

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2.0 Somay. 2.30 Last Suspect. 3.0 Bold Image. 3.30 Western Sunset. 4.0 Ballet Master. 4.30 Trust The King.

Wetherby

2.0 DEIGHTON HURDLE (Div II novices: £690: 2m) (15 runners)

1 000 Editor 5-11-7 ... D Dutton
2 000 Kevinsfort 5-11-7 ... M Dwyer
3 033 L O Broadway 5-11-7 ... K Teelan 7
4 Amarties 5-11-0 ... E McIntyre
5 Barytes 6-11-0 ... S Horton
6 20 Billjoy 5-11-0 ... P Tuck
7 024/ Blakeryl (B) 6-11-0 ... C Grant
10 40 Carpenter's Way 5-11-0 ... –
12 000 Cuenca 6-11-0 ... –
14 0 Foresters Boy 6-11-0 ... C Hawkins
15 0-p Grey At Last 5-11-0 ... K Milner 4
16 004 Legendary Look 6-11-0 ... –
17 000 Mossdrum 5-11-0 ... R Barry
18 Pride Of Oaklands 5-11-0 ... –
20 000- Rumasa 5-11-0 ... M Barnes

9-4 Kevinsfort, 11-4 L L Broadway, 4 Carpenter's Way, 5 Billjoy.

2.35 R.M.C. GROUP CHASE (novice hunters: £1,164: 3m 100yd) (9)

1 -211 Willow Burn 9-12-5 ... –
2 210 Yorkshire Mariner 10-12-5 ... M Dawson 7
4 -312 Casa Knipe 8-11-12 ... G Halder 7
5 130/ Charter Flight 7-11-12 ... R Shield 7
6 Exit Only 7-11-12 ... S Swiers 7
12 pp-p Mr Dram 10-11-12 ... Mrs Conway 7
14 4/2p Urser 13-11-12 ... –
15 04/0 Waite 13-11-12 ... Miss Forsyth 7
16 -021 Youghal 7-11-12 ... J Greenall 7

13-8 Casa Knipe, 9-4 Yorkshire Mariner, 4 Willow Burn, 5 Youghal.

3.10 MONTAGU HURDLE (handicap: £3,928: 2m 4f) (14)

1 41p Cool Decision 6-12-2 ... –
2 141 Hawkbarrow 5-11-5 ... P Barton
3 031 Fearless Seal 5-11-0 (5 ex) ... J O'Neill
4 000 Tom Noel 6-10-9 ... M Pepper 4
5 000 Apple Wine 8-10-9 ... –
6 012 Grinders 5-10-8 ... D Dutton
7 41p Venturer 6-10-3 ... N Doughty
11 331 Somersumthing 6-10-1 ... C Pimlott
12 002 Squires Close 5-10-1 ... C Hawkins
13 0p0 Chef Marcel 5-10-0 ... P Charlton
14 012 Preiko (B) 5-10-0 ... M Dwyer
15 002 Mr Sunbird 5-10-0 ... K Whyte
17 134 Hot Preference 6-10-0 ... B Storey 4
19 00-0 Shoemender (B) 6-10-0 ... C Grant

3 Hawkbarrow, 4 Cool Decision, 5 Somersumthing, 6 Venturer.

3.45 SPRINGS HURDLE (handicap: £1,718: 2m) (9)

2 140 Rag Dancer 6-11-9 ... K Whyte
8 tp4 Suzy Mandel 8-10-9 ... B Holohan 4
9 330 Pensacynor 7-10-2 ... P Charlton
12 p00 Rheinlieken 6-10-0 ... –
13 00-0 Shooler Prince 6-10-0 ... C Grant
14 103 Turfleton (B) 6-10-0 ... K Jones 7
15 000 Chance Flight 7-10-0 ... A Brown
16 014 Quickthorn 7-10-0 ... M Floyd
19 000 Short Term 10-10-0 ... G Graham

15-8 Rag Dancer, 11-4 Turfleton, 4 Quickthorn, 6 Pensacynor.

4.20 LEEDS CHASE (handicap: £2,338: 2m 50yd) (4)

4 p11 Abersing 8-11-7 ... J O'Neill
6 -221 St Torbay 10-11-0 ... P Tuck
7 334 Even Melody 14-11-0 ... C Hawkins
9 300 Cool Siloam 11-11-0 ... K Jones 7

5-4 Abersing, 9-4 St Torbay, 4 Even Melody, 8 Cool Siloam.

4.55 DEIGHTON HURDLE (Div II novices: £690: 2m) (8)

1 410 Helexian 6-11-7 ... N Tinkler
3 3f0 Louviers 5-11-7 ... N Doughty
6 400 Alpine Garden 5-11-0 ... –
8 Castaileck 5-11-0 ... Mr Hughes 7
10 Cue World 5-11-0 ... A Brown
14 0/ Gladstone 6-11-0 ... J McLoughlin 4
17 The Rasen Fiddler 6-11-0 ... M Pepper 4
18 3-02 Vimys Pet 6-11-0 ... M Barnes

7-4 Helexian, 11-4 Louviers, 4 Vimys Pet, 6 Cue World.

WETHERBY SELECTIONS: 2.0 Editor, 2.35 Urser, 3.10 Hawkbarrow, 3.45 Turfleton, 4.20 Abersing, 4.55 Helexian.

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2.15 HEDNESFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE (handicap: £1,148: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 334 Toirdealbhach 9-12-7 ... –
4 01-0 Silvery Blue 12-11-5 ... –
5 323 Hadajar 8-11-1 ... G Charles Jones
6 010 Heronford 13-11-1 ... P Nicholls
7 4-0b Statist (B) 8-10-8 ... L Bloomfield 7
11 pc0 Rose Lee 9-10-7 ... C McSherry 7
12 000 Fernshaw 8-10-7 ... S Brazier 7
14 000 Winking Fields 7-10-7 ... –

7-4 Hadajar, 5-2 Toirdealbhach, 4 Heronford, 6 Silvery Blue.

2.45 CHECKLEY HURDLE (selling handicap: £587: 2m 4f) (14)

3 400 Saucy Sergeant 6-11-8 ... S Johnson 4
4 201 Claymore 5-11-6 (7 ex) ... R Stronge 4
5 000 Kings Town 6-11-5 ... R Hyett
6 303 Probablist 4-11-5 ... M Elliott 4
7 0-00 Grand Oeuvre 6-11-4 ... Mr Wilson
8 000 Hypol-Adi 6-11-4 ... R Dickin
9 000 Switch Off 5-11-3 ... S Brazier 7
12 032 Ceremonious (B) 5-10-10 ... C McSherry 7
14 000 Feogo Diablo 6-10-8 ... T Wall 4
18 002 La Seine 5-10-3 ... Miss James 7
22 000- Hengchow 5-10-2 ... Mr Bridgett
24 000 Lysistra 4-10-2 ... G Kersey 4
26 003 Little Tyrant (B) 6-10-2 ... –
27 p04 Law Of The Land 6-10-2 ... Mr Cambidge 4

2 Claymore, 3 Ceremonous, 9-2 Probablist, 6 Kings Town.

3.15 GOLDEN VOW CHASE (handicap: £2,323: 2m 4f) (7)

11 402 Master Melody 12-11-7 ... M Bastard
12 223 Ballymilan 6-11-6 ... A Webber
13 0f0 Persian Wanderer (B) 10-11-6 ... C Mann 4
15 203 Shotang 8-11-2 ... R Crank
21 40p Saram Kybo 7-10-10 ... –
22 210 St Alexan 6-10-9 ... –
26 031 Very Friendly 7-10-0 ... T Wall 4

15-8 Master Melody, 3 Very Freindly, 4 Ballymilan, 11-2 St Alexan.

3.45 SIR GEOFFREY HUNTERS CHASE (amateurs: £474: 3m 2f) (11)

1 030 Spartalis 11-12-10 ... M Mann 7
2 p20- Codwar 12-12-7 ... –
3 20-1 Mindbender 10-12-7 ... C Bealby 7
4 bff Another Sisson 9-12-0 ... T Garton 7
5 20-3 Captain Williams 11-12-0 ... A Waldron 7
6 3 Coke's Cousin 9-12-0 ... Lord Shrewsbury 7
7 000 Doctor Fitz 8-12-0 ... A Fowler
8 fff Gambling Ghost (B) 8-12-0 ... R Dunwoody 7
10 3/03 Honourable Enoch 11-12-0 ... Mrs Tellwright 7
11 4/4 Leatherby 10-12-0 ... M Wilding 7
12 423 Melodic Lad 8-12-0 ... W Lamarque 7

11-4 Spartalis, 7-2 Mindbender, 5 Codwar, 8 Honourable Enoch.

4.15 DAVIDSON HURDLE (handicap: £1,224: 2m 1f) (10)

2 1-00 Fortune Cookie 11-11-8 ... DOUBTFUL
4 u11 Brock Hill 7-11-5 (7 ex) ... Mr Low 4
15 3ff Always Lispac 7-10-6 ... Mr Browne
19 000 Supreme Vista 10-10-1 ... S Johnson 4
20 110 Steel Flight 10-10-0 ... –
23 000 Abalight 5-10-0 ... J Harris
25 000 The Knife 5-10-0 ... R Dickin
26 000 Ensigns Kit 8-10-0 ... M Brisbourne
28 200 Takachiho 11-10-0 ... –
30 023 Lloyd Ardua 10-10-0 ... C Mann 4

5-2 Brock Hill, 3 Steel Flight, 4 Ensigns Kit, 5 Always Lispac.

4.45 MARCHINGTON HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £690: 2m 1f) (14)

3 321 Crowecopper 11-0 ... P Dever 7
4 212 Ishkomann 11-0 ... S Smith Eccles
5 321 Lance Of St George 11-0 ... Miss James 7
8 101 Top Gold 11-0 ... C McIlfatrick 7
11 0 Ballyturn Belle 10-7 ... M Brennan
12 0 Citrus 10-7 ... R Crank
22 400 Jalna 10-7 ... Mr Bosley 7
29 002 Mr Chow 10-7 ... Mr Bridgett
30 001 Papersoar 10-7 ... S Brazier 7
33 Royal Grant 10-7 ... –
37 04 Sir Lucky (B) 10-7 ... –
38 008 Storton 10-7 ... P Hobbs
39 p Tony Battler 10-7 ... T Wall 4
40 000 Unknown Brand 10-7 ... G Holmes

11-4 Lance Of St George, 4 Ishkomann, 5 Crowecopper, 8 Top Gold.

UTTOXETER SELECTIONS: 2.15 Toirdealbhach, 2.45 Kings Town, 3.15 Ballymilan, 3.45 Mindbender, 4.15 Brock Hill, 4.45 Ishkomann.

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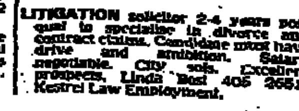
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, sport, weather and traffic details. A television with the Teletext facility is not essential.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, and 8.15; keep fit between 6.45 and 7.00; morning papers reviewed at 7.32 and 8.32.

9.20 The Wombles. Another tale of the Wimbledon litter-clearing clan, read by Bernard Cribbins. 9.25 Jackanory. Cyril Luckham reads the second of three stories from Picture Books. 9.35 Champion the Wonder Horse*. Adventures of the equine kind with an animal more famous than Shergar. 10.00 Why Don't You . . .?. Ideas to help occupy children with time on their hands. 10.25 Play Chess! with Bill Hartston. 10.35 Cartoon: Walt Disney's Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too, based on the stories of A. A. Milne.

11.00 Film: Paradise Hawaiian Style (1965) starring Elvis Presley, Suzanna Leigh, James Shigeta and Donna Butterworth.

12.30 News After Noon 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial news followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Heads and Tails.

2.00 Film: Crystal Voyager (1974). The first showing on British television of a spectacular film by George Greenough, a surfer, who takes his camera with him as he rides the giant tube waves of the Pacific. 3.15 Songs of Praise from Norwich Cathedral (shown Sunday). 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School. Shown earlier on BBC 2. 4.20 Cartoons: Scooby Doo, Where Are You? 4.40 Record Breakers. 5.05 Newsround. 5.10 The Song and the Story. Isla St Clair with The Lady and the Elf Knight.

5.40 News. 6.00 South East at Six.

6.22 Nationwide.

6.45 Triangle. Part one of a new 26-episode drama concerning a North Sea ferry company starring Michael Craig as Captain Anderson and Hollywood actress Dawn Addams as Mrs Landers, the new secretary of David West.

7.10 Cliff! The first programme of a four-part documentary about the Peter Pan of British pop music. Cliff Richard. (r).

8.00 Now Get Out of That. Two teams – one representing New England, the other, Oxford and Cambridge – take the part of rival commando platoons striving to destroy a communications cable in hostile country (deepest Wales).

8.30 Tears Before Bedtime, starring Geraldine McEwan and Francis Matthews. Another episode in the story of Geoffrey and Anne Dickens who have run away from their home and their three troughless, grown-up, children.

9.00 News.

9.25 Play for Today: The Last Term, by Raymond Hitchcock. Set in the Summer of 1940, the story concerns three staff members at a Devonshire school, members of the local defence volunteers, who, by accident, rewind the shell shocked local poacher of the horrors of Passchendaele. Starring Christopher Villiers, Robert Gurbage and Adam Blackwood.

10.40 Chicago Story: Half a Chance. A young girl's murder is the beginning of a street war.

11.30 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.00 Daybreak followed at 6.30 with Good Morning Britain. News at 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; city news at 6.15; morning paper review at 6.33 and 7.33; television reviewed and previewed at 7.50; guest celebrity at 8.20; agony column at 8.45; soap opera at 8.55; exercises at 9.05. Closedown at 9.15.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 Science International. Michael Bentine takes a look at scientific research 10.35 Database. What cable television has in store for Britain and advice on the questions to ask when buying a microcomputer (r) 11.00 Thames Barrier. A documentary about the Thames flood barrier. Narrated by Alan Dobie. 11.30. Film Fun. Derek Griffiths continues his history of cartoons with clips from those featuring Speedy Gonzales, Sylvester, Tweety Pie and Bugs Bunny (r)

12.00 Cockleshell Bay. Adventures of the Cockle twins, for the very young (r) 12.10 Once Upon a Time. Mark Wynter tells the story of Town Mouse and Country Mouse (r) 12.30 The Sullivans. Wartime drama about an Australian family.

1.00 News 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston 1.30 Crown Court: A Sword in the Hand of David. While on the run from a Borstal a young man kills his mother's drunken boy-friend. Was it a premeditated act or was it self-defence? 2.00 A Plus introduced by Trevor Hyett. Lord Willis and Julie Walters discuss the changing ways film and theatre depict the working classes.

2.30 Love in a Cold Climate. Episode four of the drama serial based on the books by Nancy Mitford (r) 3.30 One of the Boys. Comedy starring Mickey Rooney as an old man living with his grandson.

4.00 Cockleshell Bay. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 The Moomins 4.20 Razzmatazz. Pop music and comedy presented by Alastair Pirrie. His guests include Kajagoogoo and John Miles 4.45 CB TV – Channel 14. News and ideas for young people 5.15 Private Benjamin.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News.

6.35 Help! Ann Shearer with news of NAYPIC – the National Association of Young People in Care

6.45 Crossroads. Despite David Hunter's efforts Jill Harvey is determined to make a fool of herself

7.30 Film: Death Dive (1974) starring David Janssen and Hope Lange. A submarine, crippled and wedged in rocks on the ocean bed, faces another hazard when one of the crew releases deadly snakes from a box. Directed by Russ Mayberry

9.00 Studio. Drama series set in a remote country house that has been converted to a recording studio.

10.00 News.

10.30 First Tuesday: The Chinese Geordie/A Message from the Falklands. The first of a regular documentary series to be shown on the first Tuesday of every month, presented by Jonathan Dimbleby and Jane Walmsley, featuring work of the world's best documentary makers. There is also report from one of the world's trouble spots

11.40 Mannix: The Ragged Edge. Mannix poses as a drug addict and pretends to murder his colleague, Detective Art Malcolm, in order to trap a gang of drug peddlers

12.35 Close with the Rev. Peter Lewis reading a poem about Jesus



Frank Marcella, for more than fifty years a barber at Waterloo Station: BBC 2 9.25.

● Jonathan Dimbleby and Jane Walmsley present a new, monthly, series of documentary films packaged, for the first time on television, in a magazine format.

FIRST TUESDAY (ITV 10.30pm) begins with two documentaries – *The Chinese Geordie* and *A Message from the Falklands* – both filmed by cameraman Graham Barker who was killed last month in a helicopter crash in the Humber. The Chinese Geordie is about dedicated communist, David Young from Tyneside who, 34 years ago, when a petty officer, jumped ship in Hongkong and built a new life for himself in revolutionary China. Being jailed for ten months during the cultural revolution has not diminished his affection for his adopted country and he now works as an interpreter with a Chinese

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Government engineering organization. It was in this role that he returned to England last year for the first time since his defection. His observations on the contrasts between his two countries makes fascinating viewing. A Message from the Falklands is a view of the South Atlantic conflict through the letters to his family of the late Lieutenant David Tinker who died two days before the Argentine surrender when an Exocet missile destroyed HMS Glamorgan. The letters' initial euphoria soon gives way to ones of despair and in one of his last he declares that 'I utterly oppose all this killing that is going on over a flag'. These letters, it is thought, may become classics of anti-war *literature*.

● Dating from the 12th-century Bristol ranks as ont of the oldest ports of Britain. From its heyday's in the early 19th century when ships from the world over docked there and Brunel built his great steamers at its shipyard, the port has now become a virtual backwater with next to no trade and only its fine architecture as a reminder of its former glory. Ivan Benbrook, in BRISTOL DOCKS: PRODUCTIVE OR PRETTY? (Radio 4, 7.20pm), talks to people concerned with the future of this out-of-date, but historically important, dockland. Can other dockside buildings be so *successfully converted as the* excellent Arnolfini arts complex? *asks Benbrook. If this is unlikely* perhaps the possible re-opening of *the Avon and Kennet canal may turn* Bristol into the hub of a new inland waterway system.

BBC 2

11.00 Play School For the under fives. 11.25 Closedown.

5.40 The Brothers Lionheart. Episode two of the five-part Swedish-made adventure story.

6.05 Tex Avery Double Bill. Cartoons.

6.15 The Waltons. A young man from the mountain takes *Elizabeth hostage in order to* force the return of his *promised bride*.

7.05 News summary with subtitles.

7.10 Film: Daleks – Invasion Earth AD 2150 (1966) starring Peter Cushing as Doctor Who and Bernard Cribbins as P. C. Campbell. Another in the science fiction season, this time the worthy Doctor saves London after it has been devastated by the dastardly Daleks. Directed by Gordon Fleming.

8.30 Top Gear presented from the ERF factory at Sandbach, Cheshire, the home of Britain's oldest truck makers. Frank Page has a day out with a lady truck driver; Sue Baker road reports the new Renault 11; William Woollard explains a new British breakthrough – the constant variable speed transmission system from British Leyland.

9.00 Discovering Birds. Tony Soper with the first programme in a new series devoted to our feathered friends. Mr Soper begins his guide to bird-watching by illustrating how to attract birds to the back garden – by preparing special food for them. For instance, a brazil nut will attract a nut-hatch and the greater spotted woodpecker finds bark holes filled with fat irresistible.

9.25 Just Another Day: Waterloo Station. Reporter John Pitman is at Europe's busiest railway station to talk to some of the people who work there and some of the 180,000 passengers that use the terminus daily. Behind the scenes a lady customer is complaining about the state of the Windsor Line ladies' lavatory; a passenger is trying to identify his lost umbrella from among the 1,000 others waiting to be claimed and a polite enquiries person explains that the times of flights from Gatwick do not come under the department's terms of reference.

9.55 Dear Ladies. George Logan and Patrick Fyfe, alias Hinge and Bracket with another adventure in the village of Stackton Tressel. This time they are concerned with security and take to heart the local police station's exhortation to "Watch Out, There's a Thief About!" Not only are they determined to protect themselves, but also, perchance, to catch a culprit.

10.25 The Innes Book of Records. Neil Innes with a selection of original songs and sketches. His guest is Michael Palin.

10.50 Newsnight. Ends at 11.45.

CHANNEL 4

3.00 Film: Summer Stock (1950) starring Judy Garland and Gene Kelly. Miss Garland's last film for MGM casts her in the role of Jane Falbury, a farm girl who is having a hard time making ends meet. But relief is at hand when a theatrical producer hires her barn as a rehearsal room for his new musical. She becomes even luckier when it is discovered she has a better voice than some of the cast and she ends up the leading lady and lands the leading man. Directed by Charles Walters.

5.00 *In Search of Paradise: The Mystical Islands*. The second *programme in the 13-part* series on the history of *gardens*. Today *the* programme examines how the Chinese of centuries ago held gardens in high esteem and treated them with almost religious reverence

5.30 Countdown. The start of a new series of the words and numbers game. Jane McLamon from Merseyside and Huge Fraser of Edinburh are the contestants and the questionmaster is Richard Whiteley, assisted by Kenneth Williams

6.00 The Dick Van Dyke Show* Comedy series about a television script writer's domestic life. Starring Dick Van Dyke and Mary Tyler Moore.

6.30 Masters of Tap. The first of three programmes devoted to the art of jazz tap dancing. Three of the genre's most illustrious exponents – Chuck Green, Honi Coles and Wil Gaines – illustrate why they are at the top of their profession. These master classes were recorded at London's Riverside Studios.

7.00 *Channel Four News*, with Trevor McDonald, Godfrey Hodgson and Ian Ross. Headlines at 7.30 and business news at 7.40.

7.50 Comment. On the soap box tonight is barrister, Robert Flach.

8.00 Brookside. Alan Partridge moves into The Bungalow and is immediately a cause of comedy and concern for his new neighbours.

8.30 Film: On The Riviera (1951) starring Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney and Corinne Calvert. Musical comedy about a night-club entertainer who is persuaded to pose as the philandering financier-husband of Lili Duran. Directed by Walter Lang.

10.10 Playing Turkey. A film about the National Youth Jazz Orchestra's goodwill tour of Turkey in 1981. It follows their chequered progress fro, the first open-air rehearsal in Istanbul to their final concert in Izmir.

11.35 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 *Farming Week*. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 TODAY, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.30, 8.30 News Headlines 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 The Broken Saddly by James Aldridge (2) 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Tuesday Call:01-580 4411, Insects.
10.00 News.
10.02 From our own Correspondent.
10.30 Morning Story: "Keeping in Touch" by Donald Bancroft.
10.45 Daily Service†
11.00 News; Travel.
11.03 Thirty-Minute Theatre† "Getting it Like it Was" by Dave Sheasby.
11.33 Wildlife.
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours.
12.27 Brain of Britain 1983† Nationwide general knowledge contest 12.55 Weather; Travel; *Programme News*.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 *Afternoon Theatre† "Lessons"* by Nan Woodhouse.
4.00 News.
4.02 Just after Four.
4.10 Mastermind of Gardening 1983 (new series); four contestants compete in the semi-final for the 1983 title.
4.40 Story Time: "Looks and Smiles" by Barry Hines (5).
5.00 PM: News Magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 In the Air; the people and stories *behind the news*.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Bristol Docks: Productive or Pretty?
7.50 Feedback (new series) Producers and management are faced with your criticism of BBC Radio and Television.
8.05 Don the Dosser; the story of Don Price, now a senior assistant in a research department, who five years ago was an alcoholic living as a tramp.
8.35 In Business.
9.05 In Touch; magazine for the visually handicapped.
9.30 Kaleidoscope; arts magazine
9.59 Weather.
10.00 *The World Tonight: News*.
10.30 Just a Minute†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "Bellman and True" by Desmond Lowden (2).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Music at Night†
12.00 News; Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Forecast.

ENGLAND: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening *Corner 5.50-5.55 PM (continued)* 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: What are We Doing to the Children?

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 *Morning Concert* †Erasmus Widmann, Bach, Donizetti, Monteverdi, Pierre van Maldere; records†.
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (continued) Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner, Strauss; records.
9.00 *News*.
9.05 This Week's Composer †Chopin; records.
10.00 Debussy †*Orchestral music* on record.
10.40 *John Mills* †*Guitar recital*: Villa-Lobos, Savio, Cardozo.
11.05 Taverner, Tallis and Byrd †Choral music.
12.05 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra †Part 1: Elgar.
1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Welsh So †Part 2: Dvorak.
2.00 Music Weekly†
2.50 *Brahms Chamber Music*†
4.05 Handel †Concert on records.
5.00 Mainly For Pleasure†
6.30 Rogier And The Capella Flamenca †North European composers at the court of Philip I of Spain. Works by these composers are performed by Pro Musica Sacra under the direction of Bruno Turner who uses *his specialist knowledge of* the composers to give a background introduction to the programme.
7.05 Violin and Piano †Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, (including 8.0-8.05 Interval Reading).
8.45 Mozart and Salieri †by Pushkin. Simon Callow is Mozart and Paul Scofield, Salieri. The reading is in a new translation by Antony Wood.
9.00 Calos Aun Del Aire, Matan †("Jealousy, even of air, is deadly") Opera by Juan Hidalgo (*sung in Spanish*) (first performed 1660). The programme is a West German Radio recording with the Cologne Radio Orchestra, conducted by Salvador Mas, the Youth Choir of Dormagen and harpist Miche Erauw. The cast includes Victoria de los Angeles as Aura, a nymph.
10.45 20th-Century Piano Music †Stravinsky, Geoffrey Poole, Gershwin.
11.15 News.

Radio 2

5.00 Ray Moore (f). 7.30 Terry Wogan (f). 10.00 Jimmy Young (f). 12.00 Music While You Work (f). 12.30 Judith *Chalmers (f) including 2.2 Sports Desk*. 2.30 Ed Stewart (f) including. 3.2 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton (f) including. 4.2. 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn (f) including 6.45 Sports and Classified Results (mf only) 7.30 Hubert Gregg says I Call it Style. 8.30 Folk on 2 (f). 9.30 Wits end (f). 9.57 Sports Desk- 10.00 The Law Game. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 The Radio Orchestra (f) The Big Band and The Strings. 2.0-5.0 Patrick Lunt (f) presents You and the Night and the Music.

Radio 1

6.00 Adrian John with The Early Show. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Dave Lee Travis, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Gary Davies. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.0 Frontline. 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel. 12.00 Close. VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.50pm With Radio 1. 12-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Jazz for the Asking. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 7.30 Rameau and Couperin. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Love and Mr Lewisham. 8.30 Strictly Instrumental. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Discovery. 10.15 Rivers of the World. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from London. 11.25 Scotland This Week. 11.50 Sports International. 12pm Radio Newsreel. 12.15 The Quartet. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 A Jolly Good Show 2.15 Smash of the Day: All Gas and Gaiters. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Origins. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 8.30 Rivers of the World. 8.45 The Instrument of Jazz. 9.15 Letters from London. 9.25 Paperbacks Choice. 9.30 Women in Love. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Classic Albums. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 A Jolly Good Show. 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 Report on Religion. 1.45 Parade. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Golden Age of Operetta. 2.30 Women in Love. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary. 5.45 The World Today.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1

WALES: 12.57 pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 6.00-6.22 Wales Today. 11.50 News headlines. 11.52-12.52 am *Omnibus*. 12.52 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 12.55 pm-1.00 The Scottish news. 6.00-6.22 Reporting Scotland. 10.40-11.40 Omnibus. 11.40 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.57 pm-1.00 Northern Ireland news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 6.00-6.22 Scene Around Six. 11.50 News and weather. ENGLAND: 6.00 pm-6.22 Regional news magazines. 11.55 close.

S4C

Starts 2.05pm Ffalabalam. 2.15 Showboat. 4.00 Gemini Man. 4.55 Pili-Pala. 5.00 Bildowcar. 5.30 Battlestar Galactica. 6.25 Ark on the Move. 6.55 Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Coleg. 8.00 Elinor. 8.40 Pontydd. 8.50 Film: King Lear. Laurence Olivier plays Lear in the new version made by Granada. 11.50 Chase the Devil. 12.25am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.30am Contact. 10.55 Country Rhapsody. 11.05-11.30 Joe 90. 12.30pm-1.00 Looks familiar. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Calendar. 5.15-5.45 Mork and Mindy. 6.00 Calendar. 6.50 *Crossroads*. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 Classix *Nouveaux in Concert*. 12.00 Closedown.

CHANNEL

As London except: Starts 12.00-12.30pm Cockleshell Bay. 12.30-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 *Entertainers*: Lonnie Donegan. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Cartoon. 6.45 Nine To Five. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.40 Streets of San Francisco. 12.35 Closedown.

TVS

As London except: 10.30am Cartoon. 10.40-11.30 Poseidon Files. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00 Coast To Coast. *6.50 Crossroads*. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. Pilot film for a new action-thriller series. 11.30 Showcase. 11.45 Portrait of a Legend: Frankie Valli. 12.15am Company. Closedown.

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.30am Wattoo Wattoo. 10.40 Joe 90. 11.05-11.30 History Makers: Napoleon. 12.30pm-*1.00 Gardening Time*. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.50 Crossroads. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 Johnny Mathis in Concert. 12.35am Tuesday Topic, Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: 9.30am Sesame Street. 10.30 Rocks and Minerals 10.45 Stingray. 11.05-11.30 Gymnastics. *1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports*. 2.00-2.30 Exchange Flags. 3.30-4.00 Keep it in the Family. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 This is your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: Starts 9.35am Film Fun. 10.15 Stingray. 10.40 Central Sport. 11.00 The Sinbad Voyage Part two of Tim Severin's voyage. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-*4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45* Looks Familiar. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.15 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 News. 11.35 Billie Jo Spears in Concert. 12.05am Closedown.

HTV

As London except: 10.30am Cartoon. 10.40 Crazy World of Sport. 11.05-11.30 Adventures of Black Beauty. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 History of the Grand Prix. 5.15-5.45 Batman. 6.00 News. 6.25 Happy Days. 6.50 Crossroads. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 Live at the Millionaire. 12.00 Survival. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.25 Wales at Six With Michael Lloyd-Williams and Alan Rustad.

SCOTTISH

As London except: 10.30am Adventures of Black Beauty. 10.55 Beyond Westworld. 11.45-12.00 Amazing moments of the Great Traction Engine. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Looks Familiar. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.40-5.45 Job Spot. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.45 What's Your Problem? 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Lou Grant. 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 10.30am Cartoon. 10.40 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 11.05-11.30 World We Live In. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Sounds of Valerie Monese. 6.50 Crossroads. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30am News. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW

As London except: 9.30am Young Ramsay. 10.25 Prairie Habitat. 10.40-11.30 Water Crisis. 12.30pm-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Entertainers: Lonnie Donegan. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Televiews. 6.45 9 to 5. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.25am Postscript. 12.31 Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: 10.30am Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 10.35 Falcon Island. 11.00 Cartoon. 11.05-11.30 Adventures of Gulliver. 1.20pm News. 1.22-1.30 Cartoon. 3.30-4.00 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 News. 6.05 Newport. 6.35 Sounds of . . . Lorna Dallas. 6.50 Crossroads. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 News. Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.25am News. 9.30 Young Ramsay. 10.25 Cartoon. 10.40-11.30 Moby Dick. 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 3.30-4.00 Benson. 5.15-5.45 Mork and Mindy. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 Thames Barrier. 12.00 He is Risen. 12.05 Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: 10.30am Enchanted House. 10.40-11.30 It's a Musical World. Gemma Craven. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.50 Crossroads. 7.15-9.00 Knight Rider. As TVS. 11.30 Live at the Millionaire. 12.00 News. 12.30am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
*Stereo *Black and white (r) Repeat

Voucher scheme rejected in Tory report

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The specialist group set up to produce education policy proposals for the Conservative election manifesto has rejected the idea of an education voucher scheme, which Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, and other ministers are keen to promote.

In findings that will disappoint and embarrass Sir Keith, the 12-member group has concluded that even an experimental voucher scheme, a commitment to which had been expected in the manifesto, should not be attempted, and that if money is available it should be spent elsewhere.

It suggests as an example help for groups of parents to take over village schools which might otherwise be closed. That will be of some consolation to Sir Keith, who has put forward a similar idea in a paper to the Cabinet's family policy group.

The education policy group was one of several established by Sir Geoffrey Howe last summer to "identify programmes and measures for the second term of office of the present administration".

It was chaired by Lord Beloff and composed of academics, local government representatives, educationalists and four MPs – Sir William van Straubenzee, a former education minister (Wokingham), Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing, North), Mr James Pawsey (Rugby) and Mr Malcolm Thornton (Liverpool, Garston).

Its opposition to a voucher system, under which parents would be given cash vouchers worth the average cost of a school place to cash at a school of their choice, was not unanimous, but the highly confidential report states: "The great majority of the group do not believe that the voucher scheme is the best method for increasing parental choice and so improving standards, since its cost at a time of stretched resources would be hard to justify to a highly sceptical public".

Sir Keith, who has admitted to finding the voucher idea "intellectually attractive", told the Tory Party Conference last year that a properly constructed scheme could extend choice

Since then Sir Keith, in collaboration with Sir Geoffrey and Mr Ferdinand Mount, head of the Prime Minister's policy unit, has put forward a scheme to the family policy group.

He said in the Commons in February that informal discussions were being held with local authorities about pilot schemes, although he has emphasized that no final government decision has been taken. Legislation will be required. Although the policy group's proposals are advisory it may be difficult for him to proceed with the idea.

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20 hurt and 33 arrested as football fans riot

From Our Correspondent, Manchester

Twenty people, five of them policemen, were taken to hospital at Blackburn yesterday when a second-division football match turned into a riot. Police made 33 arrests.

The game was stopped for 16 minutes as fans climbed on to a stand at Ewood Park, the home of Blackburn Rovers, and hurled lumps of asbestos sheeting on to the terracing.

They ignored pleas from Frank Casper, manager of the visiting Burnley team, who told rioters over the public address system: "You are a disgrace to Burnley Football Club and we don't want to see you at Turf Moor any more.

A crowd of 13,431 were watching the game when trouble suddenly broke out. A smoke bomb was tossed on to the pitch and Terry Gennoe the Blackburn Rovers goal-keeper, was struck by a bottle.

Then a group of Burnley supporters, angry that their bottom-of-the-league team was trailing behind the home team by one goal to nil, clambered up roof supports and began punching and kicking holes in the terrace covering.

Fans stumbled over each other in panic as they tried to escape the missiles from above. As ambulancemen moved in to help the injured Mr David Hutchinson, the referee, led off the teams.

Control was regained only when police, reinforced by dog patrols, finally baton-charged the rioting fans.

Far from the throngs of the jet age

The stillness of fells, forest, lake and shore was caught by the tele-photo lens of Brian Harris, our photographer, yesterday as a hot-air balloon drifted delicately above the waters of Windermere. While airports were thronged over the holiday with tourists hunting Continental sun and the receding snows, a more stately form of transport was on show for a two-day meeting at Holker Hall, near Grange-over-Sands. Some of the largest hot-air balloons in the country were among the craft which emerged for the event

Germans, young and old, march against the bomb

From Michael Binyon, Cologne

They came here in their thousands, converging on the vast central square from all points around the city and milling about beneath a sea of flags, banners and placards, the young and the old, hippies and communists, women with children in pushchairs, respectable burghers in dove-grey coats and pipe-smoking veteran campaigners in berets and thick woollen jerseys.

"I am glad to tell you that 50,000 easter marchers are now in this square", a voice boomed out from the two big loud-speaker stands beside the wooden platform at one end. A cheer rose from the vast crowd, most of whom had been marching since the morning. Some had brought guitars, rucksacks and the usual impediment of protest demonstrations and had spread themselves out on the tramlines, resting plastic cups of red wine on the cobbles.

Almost everyone wore a badge of some kind – mostly the familiar blue and white CND symbol with a dove of peace above it. But almost every other cause was represented: women groups, campaigners against the forthcoming census, Greenpeace opponents of the seal culls, Greens, young socialists, Third World liberation movements.

Cologne's large Turkish community was out in force with banners protesting at the impending deportation from Germany of various Turks under sentence in Turkey. Greek anti-nuclear protesters had their banners, Eritreans handed out leaflets on their cause, Marxists made a few quick marks selling the usual books on Che Guevara, the revolutionary cause and capitalist exploitation of the Third World, from wooden stalls.

Despite the relaxed, almost carnival atmosphere – indeed I spotted one youngster who seemed to think the occasion an extension of February's official carnival as he had made up his face like a cat – no one could miss the message.

Hundreds of banners denounced the deployment of Nato missiles, demanded an end to the arms race, proclaimed "No More War", "No To Reagan's Nuclear Dreams". And there were plenty of symbols – a large wooden horse marked "Troy 1983" which opened up to show hundreds of white crosses in a cemetery.

Four people paraded around in outsized Punch and Judy masks of President Reagan, Chancellor Kohl, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, and Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian leader, each wearing grotesque nuclear missiles for hats.

Before the speeches, there were the protest songs. A woman with a clear, powerful voice sang a sombre and moving anti-nuclear ballad. "I had hoped – and I really believed – that Hiroshima would never return. I had hoped you would weary of Auschwitz", the chorus ran. The close-packed crowd listened some perched up in the plane trees.

Like others, I melted away after a while, and made for the stand offering "Nicaraguan coffee". It tasted suitably strong and sharp. Meanwhile, one of Germany's biggest Easter rallies passed off without incident and only a discreet police presence. The speeches could still be heard half way across the city. The speakers hope their voices will carry all the way to Bonn and Washington.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New Exhibitions

A Dig into the Past: work by Development Corporation archaeologists in Milton Keynes, Central Library, Milton Keynes; Mon to Wed 9 to 6, Thurs and Fri 9 to 8, Sat 9 to 5; (until April 30).

Work by David Hack Nick Sheath ad Mike Owens, Abbey Mill Gallery, The Broadway, Winchester; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, colsed Mon; (from today until April 30).

Last chance to see

Cadbury's Nationl Exhibition of Children's Art Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens Belfast; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 1 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends today).

Sculpture, prints and drawings by Jack Waldron, Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield Street, Walsall; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.45, sat 10 to 4.45, closed Sun; (ends today).

Music

Recital by Margaret Gundara (horn) and Jamie Clarke (piano), St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, 1.05.

International Piano Series performance by Wylma Van Smerongen, St Margaret's Lothbury, EC2, 1.10.

Cello recital by Paul Tortelier, Fairfield Hall, Park Lane, Croydon, 1.05.

Concert by City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Town Hall, Cheltenham, 7.30.

Talks, lectures, films

English Drawings from the Courtauld Institute, by Anne Lyles, 11.30; Please touch: animal sculpture – an introduction, by Anne Pearson, 1.15; both at British Museum.

The Victorians (1): Fallen Women and the Feminine Ideal, by Lynn Nead, Tate Gallery, 1.

Dinosaurs, by Joyce Pope, Natural History Museum, 3.

Guided tour of the Wallace Collection, Manchester Square, W1, 1.

Walks

Alleys and Courtyards of the City, meet Mansion House Underground, 11 am.

History and Archaeology of Roman London, meet outside Museum of London, 2.30 pm.

Ghosts of the West End, meet Embankment Underground, 7.30 pm.

Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Underground (Kingsway exit), 10 am.

General

Activities for children, the Family Centre, Natural History Museum; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 12.30 and 2 to 4, Sun 2.30 to 4 (from today until April 16).

Children's workshop: making dolls, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, E2, 2.30 (today, tomorrow and Thursday).

Workshop for children over seven, Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, E2; Tues to Sat 10 to 12.30 and 2 to 4 (until April 16).

Drama workshop for childrem over seven, Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate, N6; 4.30 to 6.30.

Play: *Colonel Blood and the Stealing of the Crown Jewels*, Education Dept, Tower of London, 11.30 and 3.30 (daily until Fri).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,095

ACROSS

1 Travelling teacher of drama? (5-5).
9 City side in no-score draw (6).
10 Clean up; in other words, inflict retribution (8).
11 On trial, a change of mind (8).
12 Gang were triumphant (4).
13 Indulge in horseplay with a mule and a mudlark (10).
15 Issue half the capital to the city (7).
17 The sort of pump you put your foot in (7).
20 The Lorelei's diamond (10).
21 Card game's turned into bridge (4).
23 Heaven is here, and others kept out (8).
25 Made no difference with one about to become inspired (8).
26 Pacific ocean's last to be involved in icier disturbance (6).
27 Worrying about a ship and crew. Buck? (10).

DOWN

2 Food is best with bib (6).
3 Ask no money for betrayal (4,4).
4 Captious Cato promises to pay (10).
5 Girl, in time, becomes mean (7).
6 It's not so hard to hold back an army (4).
7 Move S.R.N. after mistake (8).
8 Dough equalizer, very well off with one sort of money (7-3).
12 Rent bicycle out, left out of communication (10).
14 Another pupil gets in a muddle, like Topsy (10).
16 Beggar rests his head on a boat (8).
18 A retreat to give others scope (4-4).
19 One who makes a shape turn to dust (7).
22 Fighting in case . . . (6).
24 . . . every one is right out of range (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,094

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Hobbes, philosopher, Westport, Wiltshire, 1588; Jean-Honoré Fragonard, painter, Grasse, France, 1732; Joseph, 1st Baron Lister, pioneer of antisepsis, Upton, Essex, 1827; Algernon Charles Swinburne, London, 1837.

Deaths: Georges Jacques Danton, guillotined, Paris, 1794; Robert Raikes, pioneer of Sunday schools, Gloucester, 1811.

Best wines

In blind tastings of 75 bag-in-box wines, two stood out as the best:
White – Domaine de Gourgazaud Vin de Pays de l'Herault: £7.95 for 3 litres, Hynard Hughes Ltd of Leicester, Addison of Newport and Dakins, London, EC1.
Red – Castang Bergerac Rouge Superieur; about £26 for 10 litres, from Castang Wine Shippers, Withycombe, Minehead, Somerset.
Source: Decanter magazine.

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published last week:
Authority, Power and Policy in the USSR, edited by T.H. Rigby, Archie Brown and Peter Reddaway (Macmillan, £6.95)
Clinging to the Wreckage, by John Mortimer (Penguin, £1.95)
Diana Cooper, by Philip Ziegler (Penguin, £2.50)
Rabbit is Rich, by John Updike (Penguin, £1.95)
The Age of Bede, new edition, edited by D.H. Farmer (Penguin, £2.95)
The Meeting at Telgte, by Gunter Grass (Penguin, £2.25)
The Rebel Angels, by Robertson Davies (Penguin, £2.95)
The Temptation of St Antony, by Gustave Flaubert, translated and introduced by Kitty Mrosovsky (Penguin, £2.50)
The Unforgotten Prisoner, by R.C. Hutchinson (Penguin, £3.95)
Voices in the Garden, by Dirk Bogarde (Granada, £1.95)
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Charity bike ride

Registration starts today for the London to Brighton Bike Ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation which takes place on Sunday, June 26.

Send sae to London to Brighton Bike Ride, Bike Events, PO Box 75, Bath, Avon BA1 1BX (if you live in London, in person at the London Bicycle Company, 41-42 Floral Street, Covent Garden, London WC2).

Riders are encouraged to seek sponsorship, and money raised will be used to buy cardiac care equipment for 10 hospitals in the general area of the route.

For further details, call Bath (0225) 65786 or London (01) 836 7830.

UDR appeal

An appeal has been set up to help widows and dependants of part-time Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers killed or injured in Northern Ireland. Contributions may be sent to: UDR Benevolent Fund Appeal, HQ Ulster Defence Regiment, Lisburn, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.77	1.69
Austria Sch	26.25	24.55
Belgium Fr	74.75	70.75
Canada $	1.86	1.79
Denmark Kr	13.15	12.45
Finland Mkk	8.45	7.95
France Fr	11.07	10.57
Germany DM	3.70	3.51
Greece Dr	128.00	118.00
Hongkong $	10.25	9.70
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.11
Italy Lira	2160.00	2070.00
Japan Yen	372.00	352.00
Netherlands Gld	4.15	3.95
Norway Kr	11.04	10.44
Portugal Esc	153.00	138.00
South Africa Rd	1.79	1.62
Spain Pta	202.00	192.00
Sweden Kr	11.48	10.88
Switzerland Fr	3.17	3.00
USA $	1.51	1.46
Yugoslavia Dnr	116.00	109.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 327.3.

London: The *FT* closed up 4.1 on Thursday at 655.1

New York: The Dow Jones industrial index closed down 13.29 at 11.30.

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Roads

London and South-East: Old Bond Street, City of London, one way southbound from Wormwood Street to Threadneddle Street; diversion for northern traffic. M11: Northbound reduced to one lane N of new M25 intercection at Loughton. A259: Temporary signals at Bexhill Road, St Leonards, East Sussex.

Midlands and East Anglia: M54: Lane closures on Telford by-pass, A1: Lane closures between Conington and Sawtry, Cambridgeshire. M1: Lane closures on Northern carriageway and junction slip-roads between junctions 27 and 28, near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Wales and West: A4042: Delays S of junction 26 of M4, Newport, Gwent. M5: Northbound exit slip-road closed at junction 25 (Taunton); M5: Lane closures between junctions 10 (Cheltenham) and 12 (Gloucester).

North: A41/B5069: Roadworks at Hampton Heath, NW of Malpas, Cheshire. A6: Roadworks at Dove Holes, N of Buxton, Derbyshire. M62: Lane closures between junctions 22 (Bradford, Halifax) and 26 (Ripponden), W Yorkshire.

Scotland: A907: Roadworks on Dunfermline to Alloa road, Fife. Information supplied by the AA.

Ferry disruption

Cross-Channel ferries to and from Folkestone could be disrupted today because of industrial action by French seamen. Check sailings with your operator.

The papers

"The days when the Royal Navy press-ganged men into service as sailors are long gone, but what happened to the troopship Keren is a modern equivalent", says the Daily Mirror. "The seamen's union is rightly annoyed, but that does not mean it would be right to call a worldwide strike... It would not hurt the Government, only the seamen themselves and their customers."

If the NUS call a worldwide strike tomorrow it will be "an act of self-destructive madness", says The Sun. "It could quickly scupper Britain's imminent economic recovery and put more of the union's members on the dole."

Stamp prices

The price of a basic first-class stamp rises today from 15½p to 16p. The price of a second-class stamp remains unchanged at 12½p.

Weather forecast

A depression over Scotland will move slowly SE as a trough of low pressure moves near England

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England: Mist or fog patches clearing, showers developing, more persistent rain later; wind light to moderate; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F), after early frost.

East Anglia, Midlands, E, central N England: Mist or fog patches clearing, showers developing, some heavy and wintry, also sunny intervals; wind W, light; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F), after early frost.

Channel Islands, SW England: Sunny intervals, showers, more persistent rain by midday, turning showery again later; wind SW, moderate; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals, showers, some heavy and wintry; wind SW, light; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F), after early frost.

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, showers, some prolonged, heavy and wintry; wind variable, light; max temp 5 or 6C (41 to 43F), after early frost in places.

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, showers, some heavy and wintry; wind E, light; max temp 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain in most parts, sleet or snow over high ground, some sunny intervals; rather cold with night frost.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea: Wind SW, moderate, sea slight. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW backing S, moderate, increasing strong; sea slight, becoming rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind variable, mainly SW, light or moderate; sea slight.

Sun rises: 6.28 am Sun sets: 7.40 pm
Moon rises: 3.19 am Moon sets: 11.00 am
Last quarter: 9.38 am.

Lighting-up time

London 8.10 pm to 5.56 am
Bristol 8.19 pm to 6.06 am
Edinburgh 8.28 pm to 6.02 am
Manchester 8.21 pm to 6.02 am
Penzance 8.29 pm to 6.19 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; h, hail; r, rain; s, sun.

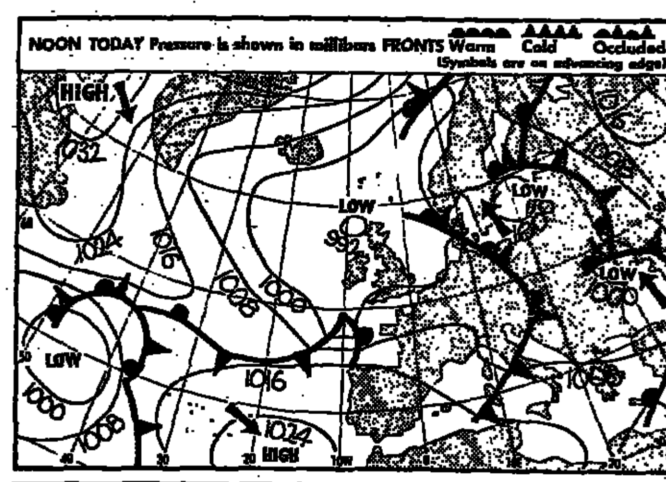
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Birmingham	r	7	45	Inverness	f	3	37
Blackpool	s	7	45	Jersey	s	9	48
Bristol	h	7	45	London	c	8	46
Cardiff	f	8	46	Manchester	f	7	45
Edinburgh	f	5	41	Newcastle	c	6	43
Glasgow	r	6	43	Ronaldsway	c	7	45

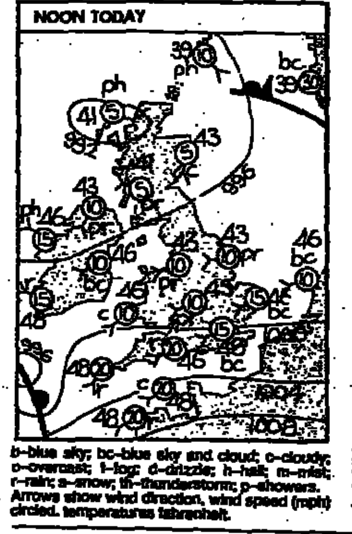
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Yesterday: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 10C (50F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 7 pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 7 pm, 0.18in. Sun: 24hr to 7 pm, 3.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 998.8 millibars, steady.
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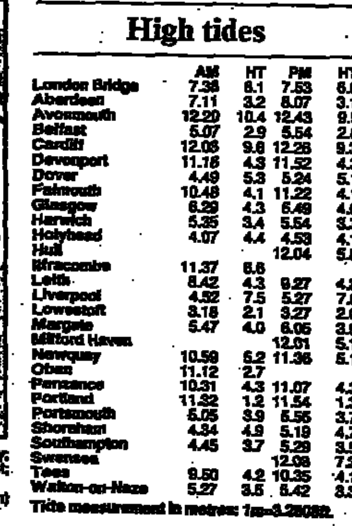
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Gernsey, Southampton, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Littlehampton, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 9.5hrs.





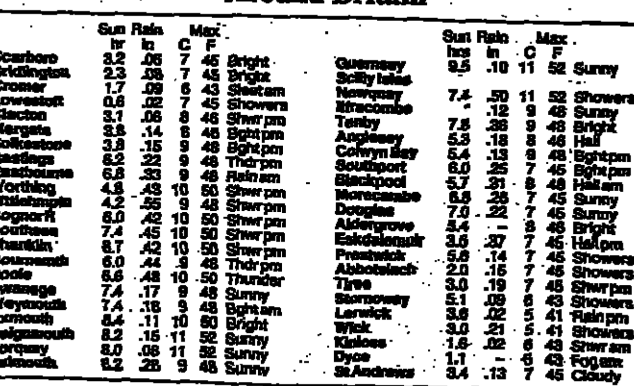
b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.



High tides

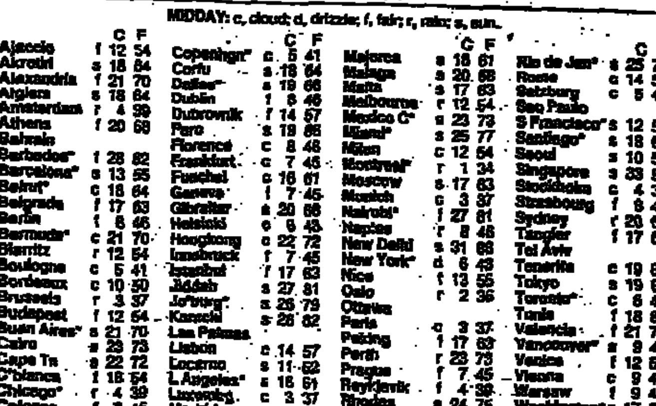
	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.38	6.1	7.53	6.0
Aberdeen	7.11	3.2	8.07	3.1
Avonmouth	12.20	10.4	12.43	9.9
Belfast	5.07	2.9	5.54	2.8
Cardiff	12.05	9.6	12.26	9.3
Devonport	11.16	4.3	11.52	4.3
Dover	4.49	5.3	5.24	5.1
Falmouth	10.48	4.1	11.22	4.1
Glasgow	6.29	4.3	6.49	4.0
Harwich	5.35	3.4	5.54	3.3
Holyhead	4.07	4.4	4.53	4.1
Hull			12.04	5.8
Ilfracombe	11.37	6.6		
Leith	8.42	4.3	9.27	4.3
Liverpool	4.52	7.5	5.27	7.0
Lowestoft	3.18	2.1	3.27	2.0
Margate	5.47	4.0	6.05	3.9
Milford Haven			12.01	5.1
Newquay	10.59	5.2	11.36	5.1
Oban	11.12	2.7		
Penzance	10.31	4.3	11.07	4.3
Portland	11.32	1.2	11.54	1.3
Portsmouth	5.05	3.9	5.55	3.7
Shoreham	4.34	4.9	5.19	4.7
Southampton	4.45	3.7	5.29	3.5
Swansea			12.08	7.3
Tees	9.50	4.2	10.35	4.1
Walton-on-Naze	5.27	3.5	5.42	3.3

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.



Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.2	.06	7	45	Bright	Guernsey	9.5	.10	11	52	Sunny
Bridlington	2.3	.08	7	45	Bright	Scilly Isles	-				
Cromer	1.7	.09	6	43	Sleet am	Newquay	7.4	.50	11	52	Showers
Lowestoft	0.6	.02	7	45	Showers	Ilfracombe	-	.12	9	48	Sunny
Clacton	3.1	.06	8	46	Shwr pm	Tenby	7.8	.36	9	48	Bright
Margate	3.8	.14	8	46	Bght pm	Anglesey	5.3	.18	8	46	Hail
Folkestone	3.8	.15	9	48	Bght pm	Colwyn Bay	5.4	.13	9	48	Bght pm
Hastings	6.2	.22	9	48	Thdr pm	Southport	6.0	.25	7	45	Bght pm
Eastbourne	6.8	.33	9	48	Rain am	Blackpool	5.7	.31	8	46	Hail am
Worthing	4.8	.48	10	50	Shwr pm	Morecambe	6.8	.26	7	45	Sunny
Littlehmptn	4.2	.55	9	48	Shwr pm	Douglas	7.0	.22	7	45	Sunny
Bognor R	6.0	.42	10	50	Shwr pm	Aldergrove	5.4	-	8	46	Bright
Southsea	7.4	.45	10	50	Shwr pm	Eskdalemuir	3.6	.37	7	45	Hail pm
Shanklin	8.7	.42	10	50	Shwr pm	Prestwick	5.8	.14	7	45	Showers
Bournemth	6.0	.44	9	48	Thdr pm	Abbotsinch	2.0	.15	7	45	Showers
Poole	6.6	.48	10	50	Thunder	Tiree	3.0	.19	7	45	Shwr pm
Swanage	7.4	.17	9	48	Sunny	Stornoway	5.1	.09	6	43	Showers
Weymouth	7.4	.18	9	48	Bght am	Lerwick	3.6	.02	5	41	Rain pm
Exmouth	6.4	.11	10	50	Bright	Wick	3.0	.21	5	41	Showers
Teignmouth	8.2	.15	11	52	Sunny	Kinloss	1.6	.02	6	43	Shwr am
Torquay	8.0	.08	11	52	Sunny	Dyce	1.1	-	6	43	Fog am
Falmouth	8.2	.28	9	48	Sunny	St Andrews	3.4	.13	7	45	Cloudy



Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	12	54	Copenhgn*	c	5	41	Majorca	s	16	61	Rio de Jan*	s	25	77
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Corfu	s	18	64	Malaga	s	20	68	Rome	c	14	57
Alexandria	f	21	70	Dallas*	s	19	66	Malta	s	17	63	Salzburg	c	5	41
Algiers	s	18	64	Dublin	f	8	46	Melbourne	r	12	54	Sao Paulo			
Amsterdam	r	4	39	Dubrovnik	f	14	57	Mexico C*	s	23	73	S Francisco*	s	12	54
Athens	f	20	68	Faro	s	19	66	Miami*	s	25	77	Santiago*	s	18	64
Bahrain				Florence	c	8	46	Milan	c	12	54	Seoul	s	10	50
Barbados*	f	28	82	Frankfurt	c	7	45	Montreal*	r	1	34	Singapore	s	33	91
Barcelona*	s	13	55	Funchal	c	16	61	Moscow	s	17	63	Stockholm	c	4	39
Beirut*	c	18	64	Geneva	f	7	45	Munich	c	3	37	Strasbourg	f	8	46
Belgrade	f	17	63	Gibraltar	s	20	68	Nairobi*	f	27	81	Sydney	r	20	68
Berlin	f	8	46	Helsinki	c	6	43	Naples	r	8	46	Tangier	f	17	63
Bermuda*	c	21	70	Hongkong	c	22	72	New Delhi	s	31	88	Tel Aviv			
Biarritz	r	12	54	Innsbruck	f	7	45	New York*	d	6	43	Tenerife	c	19	66
Boulogne	c	5	41	Istanbul	f	17	63	Nice	f	13	55	Tokyo	s	19	66
Bordeaux	c	10	50	Jeddah	s	27	81	Oslo	r	2	36	Toronto*	c	6	43
Brussels	r	3	37	Jo'burg*	s	26	79	Ottawa				Tunis	f	18	64
Budapest	f	12	54	Karachi	s	28	82	Paris	c	3	37	Valencia	f	21	70
Buen Aires*	s	21	70	Las Palmas				Peking	f	17	63	Vancouver*	s	9	48
Cairo	s	23	73	Lisbon	c	14	57	Perth	r	23	73	Venice	f	12	54
Cape Tn	s	22	72	Locarno	s	11	52	Prague	f	7	45	Vienna	c	9	48
C'blanca	f	18	54	L Angeles*	s	16	61	Reykjavik	f	4	39	Warsaw	f	9	48
Chicago*	r	4	39	Luxembg	c	3	37	Rhodes	s	24	75	Washington*	c	17	63
Cologne	f	8	46	Madrid	f	14	57	Riyadh	c	27	81	Zurich	f	6	43

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